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The Mary Washington College family lost two of its most respected and beloved members in July of 1999. The Historian of the College, Bill Crawley, pays tribute to Edward Alvey Jr. and James Farmer on pages 2 and 3.

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RIBBON-CUTTING MARKS NEW ERA FOR MWC

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Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held on Friday, September 17, for Mary Washington College's new campus in southern Stafford County, marking a new era for the College.

The new James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies is designed solely to serve the needs of the Fredericksburg region's adults who are looking for a high quality, reasonably priced college to help them complete their undergraduate degrees, earn master's degrees, maintain professional certification, or enroll in other continuing education programs.

The ribbon-cutting ceremonies were attended by Mary Washington College officials, members of the Virginia General Assembly, local government officials and business leaders. Planning for the campus has been underway for the past 10 years, and its opening this fall coincides with a growing emphasis nationwide on high-tech education.

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Edward Alvey Jr.

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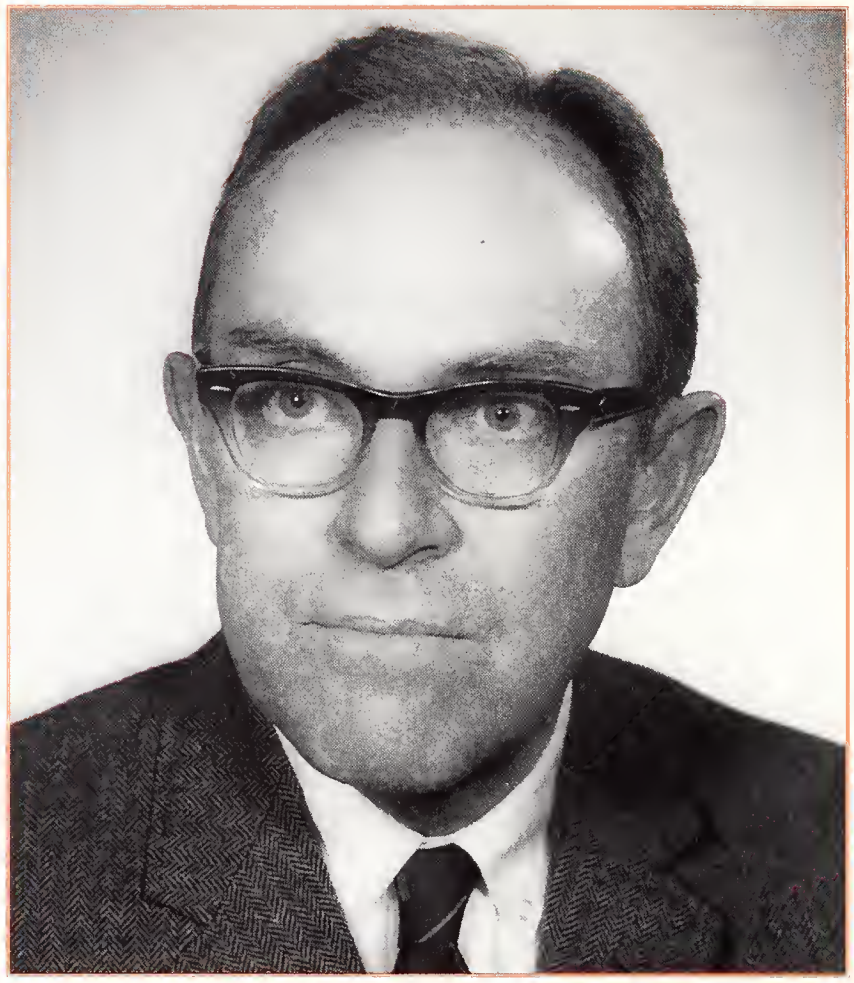


When the institution that was to become Mary Washington College first opened its doors in 1908, Edward Alvey Jr., was 6 years old. During the nine decades that followed, the man's association with the College was so lengthy — and his influence on it so pervasive and profound — that upon learning of his death on July 11, 1999, one of his former colleagues commented, with but little hyperbole, "Dean Alvey *was* Mary Washington College."

Born in Richmond, Alvey earned his bachelor's degree in 1923 from the University of Virginia. After brief stints as a public school teacher and principal, he returned to the University of Virginia, where he received his doctorate in education in 1931. From there he joined the education faculty of the then-named State Teachers College at Fredericksburg and, at the invitation of President Morgan L. Combs, became Dean of the College in 1934, a position that he held for over 30 years. Upon retiring as dean in 1967, he continued to teach in the education department until his retirement from the College in 1971.

A man of extraordinarily wide interests and notable accomplishments, Alvey became recognized over the years as one of Fredericksburg's most prominent — and most beloved — citizens. Active in the Presbyterian Church as an elder and trustee, and in various civic and social organizations, he still found time to indulge his passion for history, producing several works on local topics, as well as the comprehensive *History of Mary Washington College, 1908-1972.*

It was in his service to the College, of course, that Alvey made his greatest contributions — and what splendid service it was! As dean for over three decades, he earned respect for his fairness while winning friends with his genial manner. Professor Emeritus George Van Sant, for example, recalls that as a young instructor he once had a conflict with Alvey that resulted in a summons to the dean's office — only after which he realized that he had "just received the most graceful chewing out I'd ever had in my life. He was the best."

Alvey's administrative skills — an amalgam of intellect, compassion, and tact — enabled him to play a crucial role in helping to guide the College through several significant and potentially disruptive transitions, including the movement from a teachers college to a liberal arts college in the 1930s (with the accompanying name change to "Mary Washington"), the affiliation with the University of Virginia in the 1940s, and the advent of racial integration of the student body in the 1960s.

Perhaps Alvey's greatest administrative service to the College came in the mid-1950s in connection with the controversial removal of Morgan Combs as president. During this difficult time in the institution's history, Alvey, by dint of his own dedication and the widespread respect he enjoyed, managed to stabilize the College until the new president, Grellet C. Simpson, took office.

In recognition of Alvey's extraordinary service, the College bestowed upon him during his retirement virtually every honor within the institution's power to grant, awarding him an honorary doctorate of humane letters in 1977, appointing him to the status of dean emeritus in 1984, and naming a residence hall for him in 1991.

Extensive as his service was, such honors were merited not so much by his tangible acts perhaps, but by other, less specific but no less significant, contributions. Alvey was able through both word and deed to inculcate within the very character of the College his own lofty ideals: constant intellectual curiosity, impeccable personal integrity, genuine respect for others. He, more than anyone, was responsible for establishing the College's honor system, referring to it as "a way of life" — which for him it surely was.

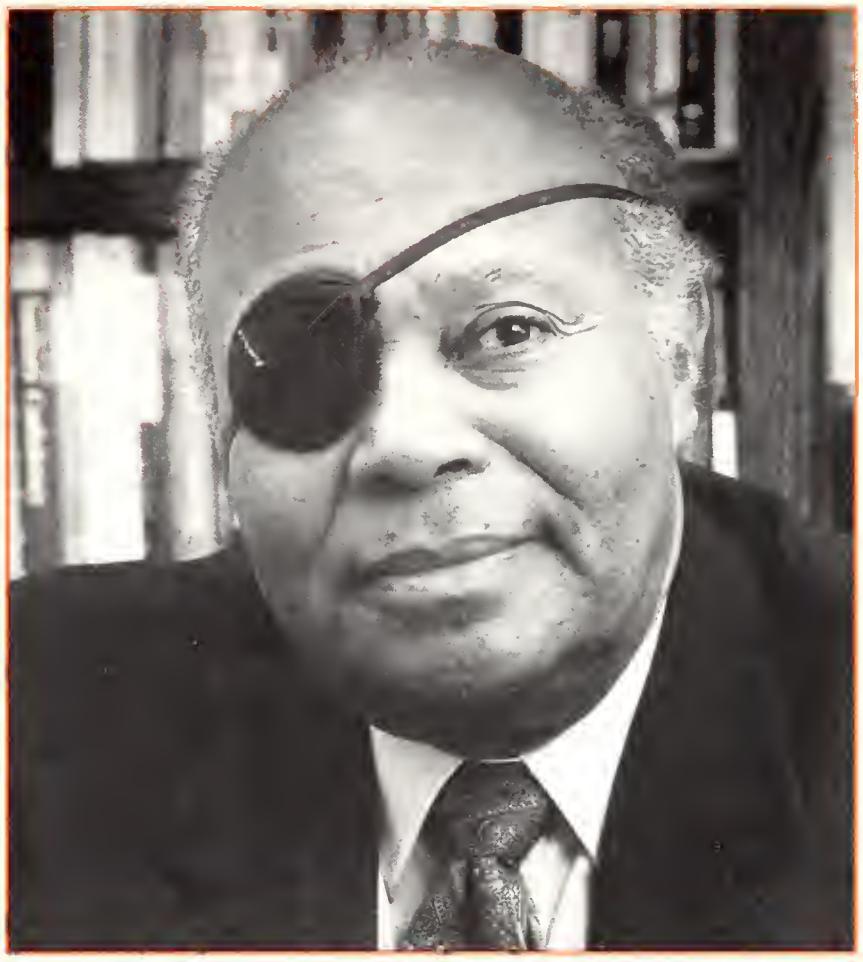
The 1939 edition of *The Battlefield* carried a message from the dean to that year's seniors, in which Alvey expressed his hope that their lives would be "characterized by sincerity and steadfastness of purpose that countenance no compromise with mediocrity." He further exhorted them "to grow intellectually, to serve helpfully and generously, ... to think clearly and act constructively; [and] to labor unselfishly for the general welfare." He took his own advice.

In the preface of his charming little book of reminiscences titled *Days of My Youth* (1987), Alvey recalled "happy days, exciting days, discovery days ... [sometimes] disillusioning days ... but, underlying them all, a zest for living that made each day a new adventure, to be savored and enjoyed." He maintained that exuberance throughout the years, demonstrating a capacity for the enjoyment of all life's exciting possibilities, stilled only by death in his 98th year.

It may not be too extreme to suggest that no person in the history of the College has served the institution more faithfully nor made a greater impact upon its character than Edward Alvey Jr. Not only by what he did, but by who he was, he earned a lasting place, both in its history and in its heart.

By William B. Crawley Jr., Distinguished Professor of History, holder of the Rector and Visitors Chair, and Historian of the College.

James Farmer
1920-1999



James Farmer learned early, and painfully, about racial prejudice. One of his first memories, he once recalled, was of being denied the chance to buy a five-cent Coke at a segregated store in his Mississippi hometown. The son of a Ph.D. preacher and a school-teacher mother, young Jim was disqualified from purchasing that Coke — and from countless other, more significant, endeavors — solely by virtue of his skin color. Throughout his remarkable life, he fought relentlessly against the poison of such prejudice, and the progress that has been made in civil rights — albeit imperfect and unfinished — bears testimony to the success of his labors.

Farmer's most notable work was done through the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), which he founded in 1942. As the organization's national director, he gained his greatest prominence in the early 1960s by leading "Freedom Rides" into the South to protest racial segregation in transportation. It was a daring ploy that met with a frightening amount of violence, but it thrust the civil rights issue into the forefront of national attention, thereby serving as a major catalyst for the passage of ameliorative legislation.

By the time he joined the history faculty at Mary Washington in 1985 (the same year that his autobiographical *Lay Bare the Heart* was published), Farmer was a figure of unquestioned eminence in the civil rights revolution — often termed one of the movement's "Big Four," along with Martin Luther King Jr., Roy Wilkins and Whitney Young. What he found, however, were students who, typical of their generation, were largely unaware of the magnitude of the civil rights struggle. To most of them — children during the tumultuous '60s — the fight for racial justice seemed far removed, emotionally as well as chronologically. Jim Farmer soon changed that.

From the moment of his arrival on campus, Farmer regularly taught more students per class than any member of the faculty. They sat enthralled as the matchless storyteller related from personal experience the drama of the movement, leaving his audience alternately appalled by his descriptions of the hatred and violence he encountered and amused by the good humor he still somehow managed to convey.

The hallmark of any Farmer presentation was his rich and resonant voice that instantly commanded attention. In the midst of a story he might break into song, or offer an illustrative anecdote typically punctuated by his own booming laughter. He could be disarmingly self-deprecatory, denying that he possessed any particular courage. "I was scared all the time," he once said, adding, "Anyone who said he wasn't afraid during the civil rights movement was either a liar or without imagination."

Though Farmer's larger place in history will clearly rest upon the bold activism of his public years rather than his later academic career, his impact upon Mary Washington College was nonetheless substantial. "I was in awe of the man," recalls Pam Kirby '01. "I couldn't wait for classes to begin. It was like history coming to life every week." As Arthur Tracy, chair of the Department of History and American Studies, puts it, Farmer's "presence was a gift, ... a daily reminder of the larger meaning of a liberal arts education [and] of the centrality of the issue of justice."

Near the end of his life, Farmer received numerous accolades for his service both to the College and to the nation. Mary Washington awarded him an honorary doctorate of humane letters in 1997 and named its multicultural center in his honor in 1998; posthumously, it established both a student scholarship fund and a faculty position in his memory. In early 1998 the Virginia General Assembly presented him with a formal resolution of commendation, and President Bill Clinton awarded him the nation's highest civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom.

By that time, tragically, Farmer had been forced to call once again on his seemingly inexhaustible reserve of courage — this time not in a public struggle for human rights but in a very private fight against the ravages of disease. Having lost his eyesight to retinal vascular occlusion, he eventually had to have both legs amputated below the knee as the result of complications from diabetes.

Farmer's passing on July 9, 1999, left a large and lasting national legacy. It also left his students and colleagues with enduring personal memories of a supremely courageous individual whose spirit was daunted neither by the rantings of racists in his earlier years nor by the depredations of disease at the end.

Farmer's characteristic bravery was poignantly illustrated, in the view of his history colleague, Richard Warner, by a scene that Warner observed during one of Farmer's last hospitalizations. Admittedly uneasy with the prospect of confronting his friend's illness, Warner recalls slowly opening the door to Farmer's room to find him all alone, lying helplessly on his bed, enveloped by his private darkness.

He was singing.

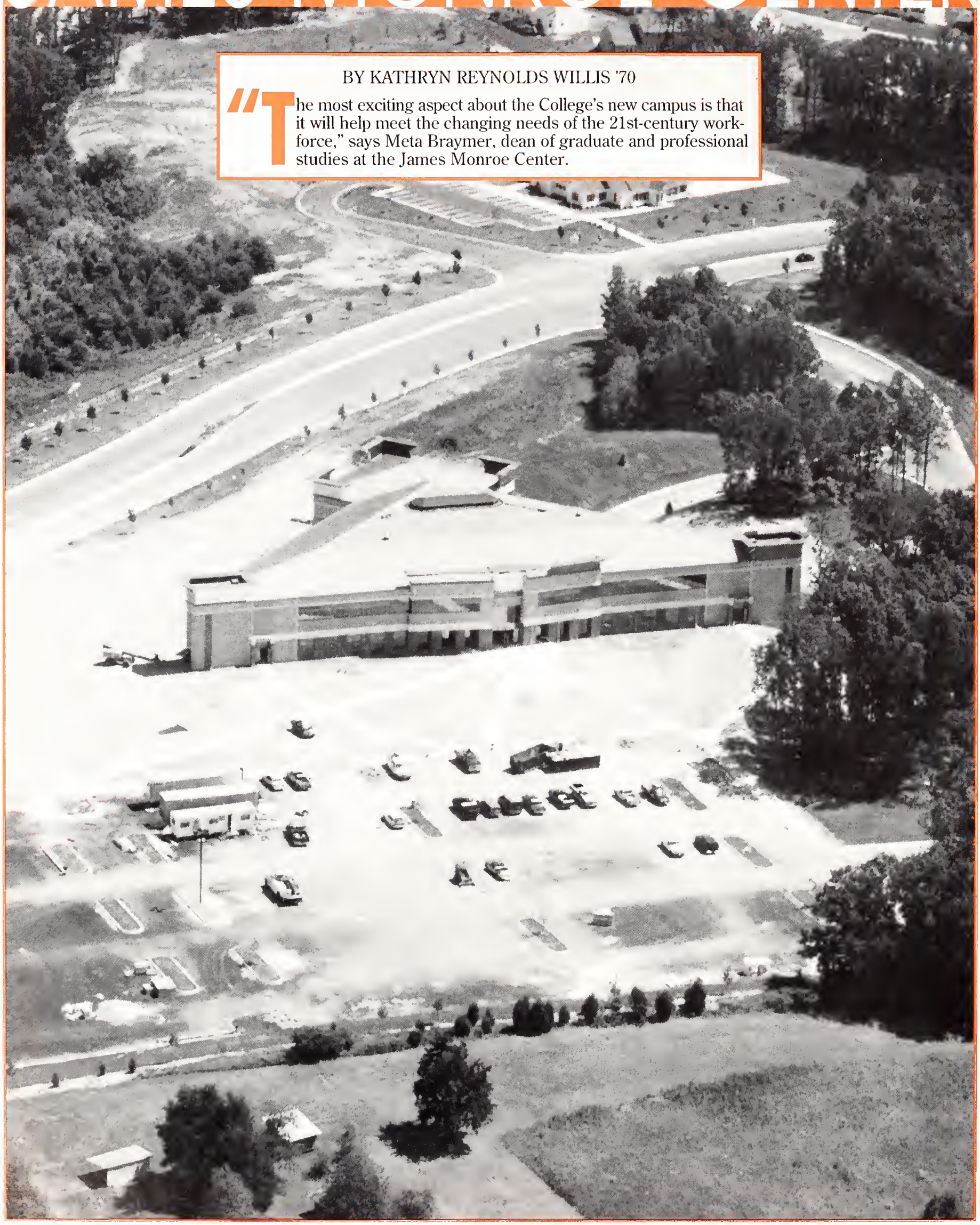
The song of James Farmer's life yet resounds, triumphantly, throughout the land he worked with tireless courage to improve — and it reverberates in a special way through the halls of Mary Washington.

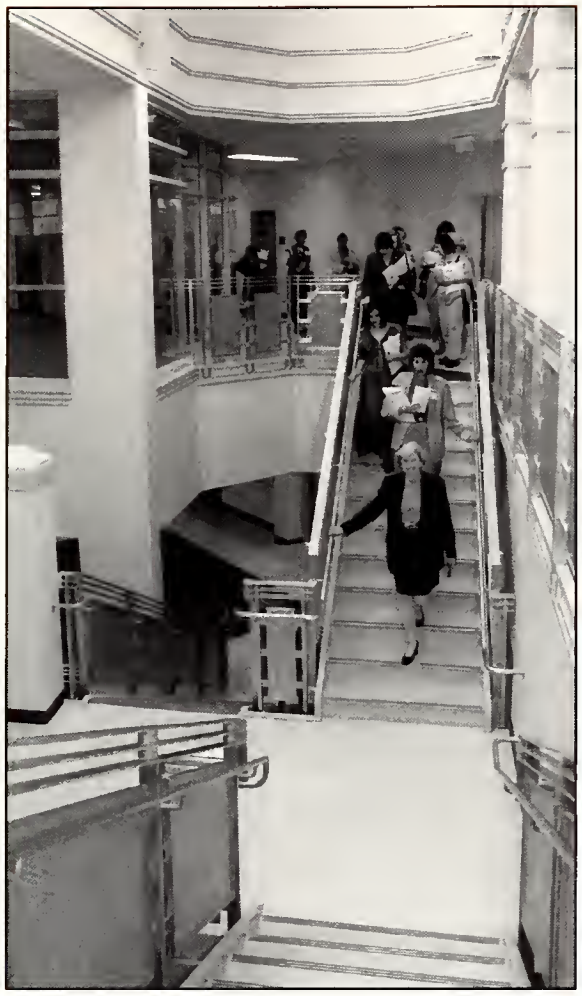
By William B. Crawley Jr.

JAMES MONROE CENTER

BY KATHRYN REYNOLDS WILLIS '70

"The most exciting aspect about the College's new campus is that it will help meet the changing needs of the 21st-century workforce," says Meta Braymer, dean of graduate and professional studies at the James Monroe Center.





Dr. Meta Braymer leads an alumni leadership group through the new facility.

The electronic age is evident at the James Monroe Center.

"Adult students are the fastest growing segment in higher education, and they are looking for accessible, quality programs at an affordable cost. We're delighted that Mary Washington College is able to meet those demands in the Fredericksburg region," Dr. Braymer says.

The campus is located on U.S. Route 17 in a fast-growing "technology corridor" that is attracting several major high-tech corporations. Both delivery and content of the programs at the new James Monroe Center emphasize technology.

Programs offered at the campus include a bachelor of professional studies degree, and brokered graduate degree programs from VCU, Va. Tech, ODU and U.Va. In addition, short-term certificate programs are offered in computer technology for educators, teaching English as a second language, leadership and management, human resources, as well as teacher license renewal and professional development.

The first of four planned buildings on the 48-acre campus is a state-of-the-art, two-story facility with 59,000 square feet of space. It includes classrooms equipped with the latest in instructional technology and distance learning capabilities, including two-way voice and visual access. The variety of delivery methods includes traditional classrooms, online courses and interactive satellite delivery from other institutions.

A networked electronic library features a gateway to the World Wide Web, an array of online references, full text, multimedia databases, digital publications, reference assistance and library instruction.

The Fairfax firm of Dewberry and Davis supplied the architectural and engineering design for the new campus, and Dustin Construction of Gaithersburg, Md., served as the general contractor of the $10 million facility. The Center officially opened Aug. 23, 1999.

Kathryn Reynolds Willis '70 was public information officer for the James Monroe Center. She is now communications officer at the National Foundation for the Improvement of Education.

New Bachelor of Professional Studies Degree

Mary Washington College is offering a new program leading to a bachelor of professional studies degree at the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies.

The bachelor of professional studies (BPS) degree offers two tracks of study: computer technology, and leadership and management. The program is designed for working practitioners, and classes are offered at night to accommodate the schedules of working adults. In addition, courses are scheduled in a compressed seven-week format, enabling students to complete two semesters of course work during a traditional semester's time frame.

Created for adults who have earned an associate's degree or who have 60 hours of college credit, the program enables working adults to complete a bachelor's degree without interrupting their professional schedules.

"The bachelor of professional studies answers the needs of the adult working student," says Meta Braymer, dean of graduate and professional studies at the James Monroe Center. "A central mission of the new campus is to expand offerings beyond the scope of the residential campus in Fredericksburg, and to provide educational opportunities in the service of economic development. The BPS degree specifically fulfills that mission."

The computer technology track of the BPS degree focuses on computer programs and systems, and prepares individuals for computer specialist positions in programming, information management and program/system analysis. The computer technology track emphasizes the application of skills and competencies in business and technical environments.

The leadership and management track concentrates on management and leadership skills with emphasis on hands-on, experiential learning within functional business domains. It focuses on knowledge applied to daily work processes.

Courses in the new BPS program will be taught in a traditional classroom setting at the College's new campus on Route 17 in Stafford County. In addition, courses may be offered through special arrangement with area businesses for on-site instruction. Teaching will be enhanced with technological applications such as online courses, videoconferencing, simulations through interactive video, computer labs, and teleconferencing classrooms. Credit may be awarded for classes and course work taken in non-traditional college formats, such as military courses or those taken in the workplace. Students also may be awarded credit for life and work experience by submitting a portfolio for review. In addition, proficiency may be established by standardized testing in certain academic areas.

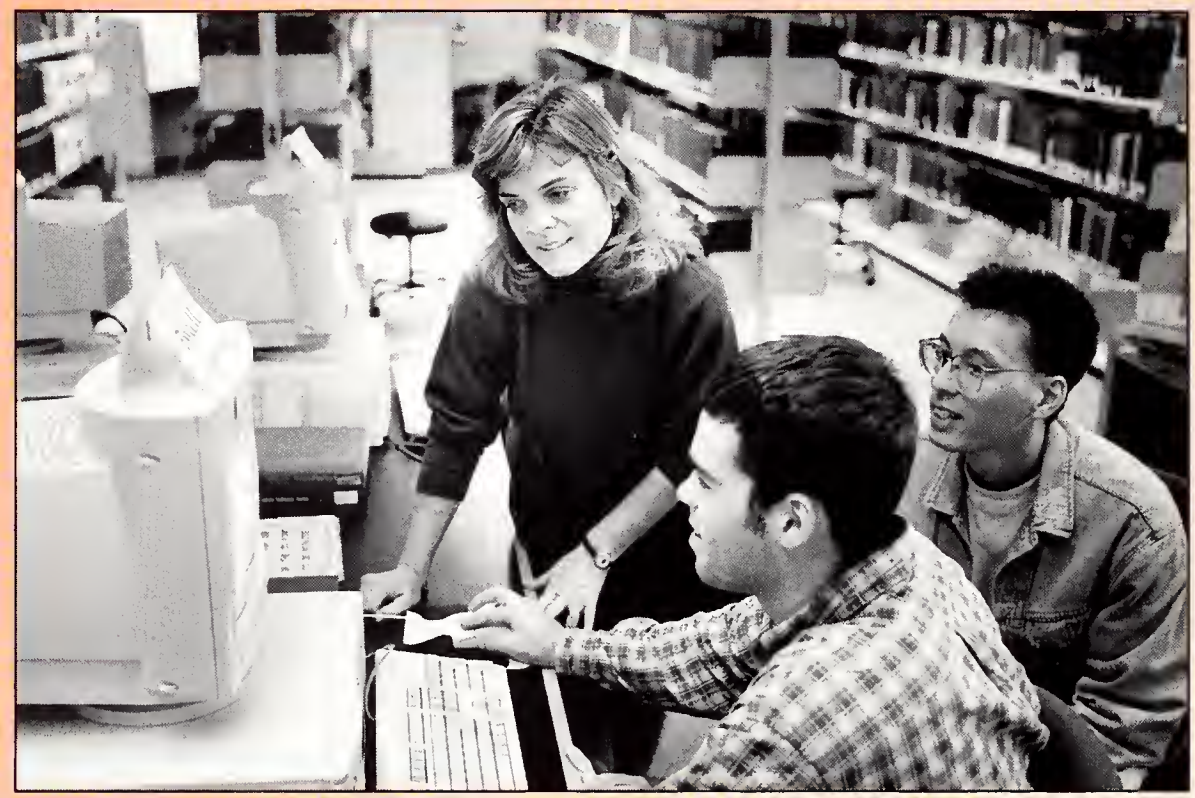
Because of the demand for graduates with technical skills and proficiencies in business management and computer technology, it is expected that enrollment in the new program will grow rapidly. For more information, call 286-8000 or 1-888-692-4968.

Transformed by Technology

BY BOB GRATTAN

No need to wait for the new century. Simpson Library is already working in it.

Thanks to technological advances such as personal computers, smart cards, a well-maintained local area network, and the Internet, today's MWC students and faculty can conduct library research more quickly, efficiently, completely and comfortably than ever before. Smart cards are serving as student identification cards, as library cards, and as debit cards for making photocopies or for printing from workstations anywhere on campus. The college-wide network enables students — directly from their residence halls or off-campus homes — to search the library catalog and any online databases available to the College, to renew library books, to request interlibrary loans, and to take library instruction courses. Today, a library user can perform the same research either from any of Simpson's 30 public Pentium-based workstations or a personal computer connected to the Internet anywhere in the world. Every area of library service has been transformed by technology.



Simpson Library's professional staff is available for assistance. Above, Karen Hartman, reference librarian, helps students with their research.

Library Catalog

This fall, the Simpson Library is one of the first in the world to implement VIRTUA, a third generation, Windows-based, client-server integrated library automation system, a product of VTLS Inc. of Blacksburg. Students, faculty, alumni, community members — for that matter, anyone in the world with access to the World Wide Web — may search the Simpson catalog.

Like other online catalogs, VIRTUA offers multiple access points that go beyond the usual author, title, and subject searches of the old card catalogs. Simpson patrons can search by those access points, as well as by publisher, language, call number, date of publication, format, and combinations thereof. Besides locating the desired books, magazines, video recordings, and other traditional formats, Simpson patrons can find many hypertext (http) links in the catalog that take them with a mouse click to full-text documents which can be read, e-mailed or printed. These Web-based resources could well be located in a library or database anywhere in the world but would appear instantaneously to the user as just another item in the Simpson catalog. Soon VIRTUA will also allow MWC patrons to renew materials, view their personal circulation record, or place a request through the online Web catalog, without having to pay a special visit to the library.

VIRTUA also allows simultaneous searching of multiple library catalogs. Through the Z39.50 global standard for electronic information interchange, patrons may, while logged on to Simpson Library, search many other library catalogs such as those of the Library of Congress, the University of Virginia, and Princeton University, to name a few. Thus, if the item is not available at MWC, the searcher may contact Simpson Library to request it from elsewhere through interlibrary loan.

Interlibrary Loan

Available later this fall through the self-service feature of the Web-based ILLIAD interlibrary loan management system, patrons will be able to borrow items from other libraries by logging into ILLIAD, requesting a certain book or article, and then receiving an e-mail notice when the materials arrive at the Simpson Library. Similarly, through the upcoming Ariel interlibrary loan transfer system, requested items such as periodical articles or other documents are scanned at the distant library, then the scanned image is sent to the requestor as an e-mail file. By making use of high-speed Internet data transmission, Ariel system avoids long-distance phone charges and the use of paper, and also provides the requestor with a better quality copy because of higher-resolution transmittal.

Online Research

Technology has influenced research in several ways. As a starting point, the Simpson Library's home page (http://www.library.mwc.edu) offers many

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sources of online reference resources.

Many important commercial databases are available online to MWC students and faculty as a result of Simpson Library's membership in VIVA (Virtual Library of Virginia), a consortium of academic libraries in Virginia which have pooled financial resources to subscribe jointly to over 90 major research databases, such as Dow Jones Interactive, MEDLINE, ERIC, and Cambridge Scientific Abstracts.

On the Simpson page, these research resources are arranged by database title or by subject areas, such as government, education, business or music. Web users may click on these links to find related materials in the Simpson Library, indexes to journal and newspaper articles (such as the *Readers' Guide* or *The New York Times Index*) and full-text articles (such as those in Project MUSE or General BusinessFile ASAP).

Compared to earlier days of costly duplication of resources, when each library subscribed to the same printed reference books and indexes, the cooperative effort through VIVA offers Simpson Library users many advantages:

- more search possibilities, or access points, for researching a topic
- continuously updated information in online databases and directories
- many more research resources in a wide variety of subject areas
- capability to read articles from past magazine and journal issues directly from the screen and to print or e-mail any items relevant to their research topic

Online VIVA resources also allow participating libraries to avoid using valuable shelf space for the storage of old volumes of periodicals, making room for important print-based materials.

Library Instruction

The Simpson reference staff has designed a Web-based workbook to help MWC students make the best use of the library's electronic resources. The workbook features an interactive pretest to let a student determine how much he or she already knows before instruction begins. The student then learns to access the Simpson catalog, databases, and other resources through a series of interactive online practice exercises. When the instruction is completed, the student may submit the test answers online to be graded by a reference librarian, who then e-mails the outcome back to the student. The online instruction allows students to learn about the library at their own pace and to complete the sessions from any location on the campus network. Classroom library instruction reinforces the skills that students have learned online.

Microfilm Use

Other research processes make similar use of scanning and e-mail. Simpson Library's digital microfilm reader/printers allow users three options. They may print their selected image to a printer in the traditional way, they may copy the image to an electronic file and send it to a remote printer, or they may copy the image and e-mail it to an address, bypassing paper altogether.

Through increased technological advances, MWC students and faculty are expending less time physically looking for information. As a result, they are free to devote more time to reading, evaluating, synthesizing and writing.

And yes, the library still employs a knowledgeable and well-trained staff to offer personal assistance to anyone who needs help locating printed materials or navigating and evaluating the maze of resources available in cyberspace.

As Library Systems Coordinator for MWC's Simpson Library, Bob Grattan oversees the automation of the VTLS system and all electronic resources for the College. Before coming to the College in 1994, he was director of the American Library in Paris for eight years. While there, he helped start the European VTLS Users' Group and edited its first newsletter. Now a member of the Executive Committee of the International Users' Group, he edits the International UG newsletter, "Vital Links." VTLS Inc. is the company which makes VIRTUA. It has systems and users throughout the world.

Partial List of Databases Available at Simpson Library

- African-American Poetry, 1760-1900
- Bioethicsline
- Books in Print with Book Reviews
- Britannica Online
- Congressional Information Service
- Contemporary Women's Issues
- Dow Jones Interactive
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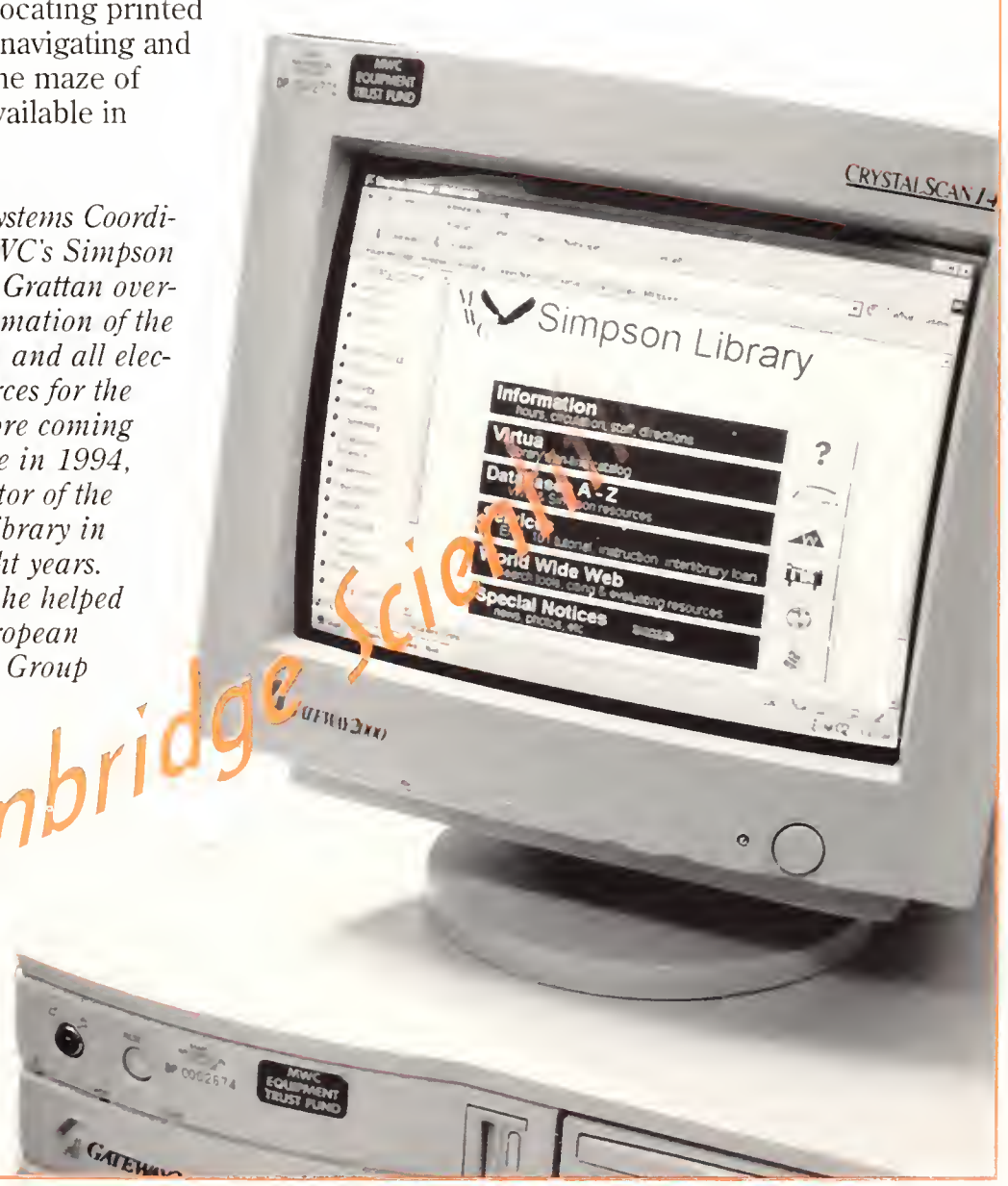

ALUMNI AWARDS

BY HEATHER COLBY ARCHER MACKEY '82

Top: Anne Beck Macfarlane '52
Left: Christine Copper '91

During this year's Reunion Weekend banquet, the Alumni Association recognized four outstanding alumni with its top awards.

Since 1984, the Alumni Association's Mary Washington College Service Award has recognized an alumnus who has made significant and continuous contributions to the College and the Alumni Association. The 1999 recipient is Anne Beck Macfarlane '52, whose service to the College spans many areas. Anne served on the Board of Visitors from 1992 to 1996, is a current member of the Mary Washington College Foundation Board of Directors and has been a member of the President's Council since 1988.

Probably most significant, Anne has been influential in bringing several famous business executives to campus for the Executive-in-Residence Program, including Warren Buffett, chairman and CEO of Berkshire-Hathaway; David Goode, president and CEO of Norfolk Southern; and her son, John Macfarlane, who at the time was treasurer of Salomon Brothers. In addition, Anne has hosted a Roanoke alumni reception in her home and has assisted with other Roanoke area alumni events; she is a member of the Friends of Belmont and the Friends of the James Monroe Museum.

The 1999 recipient of the Young Alumnus Merit Award was Dr. Christine Copper, Class of 1991. The Young Alumnus Merit Award is presented to a graduate who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in profession or career, civic activities, service to the College, humanitarian causes, and/or endeavors in creative arts or sciences. At the time of selection the recipient must be within 15 years of the date of graduation and not more than 35 years of age.

After graduating from Mary Washington, Christine went on to earn a doctorate in analytical chemistry at the University of Tennessee. Currently she is an assistant professor of chemistry at the United States Naval Academy. She teaches quantitative analysis, general chemistry, and instrumental analysis, all of which were favorites while she was a student at Mary Washington. Christine is also currently involved in research on carcinogenic compounds, although she has stated that in pursuing a faculty position, she searched for an environment similar to Mary Washington, where teaching is emphasized over research.

In addition to her teaching and research duties, Christine serves as the women's tennis head coach for the Naval Academy, once again combining her love of academics with athletics. While she was a student at Mary Washington, Christine was a member of the varsity tennis team that won the 1988 NCAA tournament and recently was inducted into the MWC Athletic Hall of Fame. She has credited Mary Washington for helping to shape her character. Each day, Christine is instilling in her Naval Academy students the lessons learned during her years at Mary Washington — and not all of them came from textbooks.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award has been presented since 1966 to a graduate in recognition of extraordinary achievements in career, civic and/or humanitarian activities or endeavors in creative arts or sciences. This year, the committee chose to honor two candidates whose impressive accomplishments stand out in very different ways.

Phyllis Farmer Shaffer is a graduate of the Class of 1952. Phyllis came from a background of childhood poverty, living with her single mother in Richmond, Va. Phyllis earned a degree in physical education from Mary Washington and moved to Charleston, S.C., to teach swimming and dance at the YWCA. There she met her husband, a commercial fisherman, and they settled in Isle of Palms, S.C. The Shaffers had two children, a son and a daughter. They lost their daughter at age 5 to leukemia, an event that profoundly influenced Phyllis' future.

Instead of building a resumé and earning a six-figure salary as a fund-raising executive for a Fortune 500 company, Phyllis embarked upon a path of service to those in need. She has spent the past three decades volunteering her time and talent

Top: Phyllis Farmer Shaffer '52
Right: Elizabeth Baylor Neatrour '54

to help scores of people she will never meet. Relying on her deep faith in God, she turned her pain into hope for others, receiving nothing in return but the satisfaction of knowing that she has followed her heart. Phyllis continued to work as a physical education teacher while writing and directing educational and training skits for the American Cancer Society.

In 1961, she teamed up with two friends to start the March of Dimes telethon, which has become an annual, nationally televised event. The trio, known locally as Snap, Crackle and Pop, turned their talents, after 10 years with the March of Dimes, to the American Cancer Society. They began a musical variety review called "Step'n Time," put on every other year since 1968, which has raised thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society. Volunteers like Phyllis are the heart and soul of a community. She has received numerous awards from her community as well as many local and national American Cancer Society and March of Dimes awards. The spirit of selfless dedication which Phyllis embodies, too often goes unnoticed and unrewarded, yet it is a spirit which Mary Washington continues to foster in its students today.

While Phyllis Shaffer's life work has furthered cancer research, the second Distinguished Alumnus has furthered goals of international understanding through her research and teaching of the Russian language and literature. Dr. Elizabeth Baylor Neatrour graduated in 1954 and celebrated her 45th reunion during Reunion Weekend. Betty graduated with a degree in French at the tender age of 19. Upon graduation, Betty accepted a French government Fulbright assistantship to teach English in France and study at the Sorbonne. Upon returning to Virginia, she married Charles Neatrour. They soon moved to Germany, where her husband worked for *Stars and Stripes*, the armed forces newspaper. While there, Betty studied German and worked to build bridges between the German and American communities.

As a professor of Russian and French, and former head of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature at James Madison University, Betty has continued her bridge-building efforts. In 1986, as part of one of the 13 Geneva Accords signed by President Ronald Reagan and General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev, she was chosen to be the American leader of the first exchange of high-school language teachers between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. Since 1988, she has directed the annual Governor's Russian Studies Academy at JMU, an intensive summer program that introduces high-school students to the Russian language and culture. And she helped to establish a sister-city relationship between Harrisonburg, Va., and Peterhof, a small Russian city near St. Petersburg. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, Betty and her students have taken over $200,000 worth of donated medicine to Peterhof through a Rockingham County organization that she founded.

In addition to her humanitarian efforts, Betty has received many honors for her academic achievements. In 1973 she was awarded JMU's Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award. In 1991 she received the Outstanding Faculty Award from the Virginia State Council on Higher Education. And most recently, in the spring of 1998, the International Association of Teachers of Russian Language and Literature awarded Betty the prestigious Pushkin Medal.

In her spare time, Betty has published four books and more than 50 articles in the U.S. and abroad, is a widely sought-after speaker, and each year leads a study tour to Russia, combining cultural experiences with humanitarian aid. According to her peers and classmates, Betty is tremendously dedicated to each endeavor she undertakes. She attended Reunion Weekend with her husband and her mother, a native Russian.

In the past, these awards have gone to some incredible people, and 1999 was no different. The selection of the 1999 Alumni Association Award recipients was made all the more difficult by the outstanding talent of the candidate pool. Mary Washington College draws the best from its students, nurturing and encouraging them to realize their full potential. As Mary Washington alumni, we each walk amidst daunting company. Hopefully everyone left the Reunion Weekend awards banquet filled with a new appreciation for their fellow alumni and the institution that we all have in common.

Heather Colby Archer Mackey '82 is chair of the Alumni Association's Alumni Awards Committee.

Reunion '99

Fabulous Forty-Niners Celebrate Their 50th!

BY ANNA DULANY LYONS '49 AND JUNE DAVIS MCCORMICK '49, CLASS AGENTS

Fifty is a special number, whether it denotes a milestone birthday, golden wedding anniversary, retirement year or a joyful class reunion. Those who have observed most, if not all, of these events are indeed privileged. Now, the Fabulous Forty-Niners have been fortunate in celebrating our 50th Reunion Weekend at our cherished MWC.

The College worked its usual magic as we fell under the spell of its beauty, renewed on every return to the loveliest campus in Virginia, if not the nation. Once again, we were proud of the architectural blend of old and new, the retention of ancient trees, the vistas, the ambiance of serenity, the beautiful colonnades, winding brick walks and benches for short rests and reminiscences with classmates.

Catching up at the reunion picnic

One of the great joys of Reunion Weekend is finding old friends.

1999 marked the 60th reunion of the Class of 1939, including lifelong friends Nancy Herr Fallen, Irene Lundy Brown and Mary Brame Edwards.

Alumni share the pride in MWC's national rankings.

Our original campus, centralized and level, has been expanded to the farthest reaches, utilizing every acre of green ravine and rolling hills for the many new facilities. The terraced terrain was lovely to behold, but hard on 70-year-old knees and calves! Happily, there were buses, vans 'n golf carts with cheerful, willing staff and volunteers to convey us from point to point, providing we made it to the scheduled departures. Those who didn't, walked!

The Golden Girls were housed together in New Hall and went directly there to register upon arrival. We were presented with specially imprinted MWC tote bags honoring our 50th, packets of information and schedules for the weekend, name tags, buttons with our own senior picture, 50-year pins, other mementos and badges to announce our celebrity to all. Those buttons depicted our youthful faces "the way we were," in many cases the way we'd like to be again and in some ways we're glad we aren't anymore.

By Friday afternoon we had 29 classmates scheduled to stay in New Hall, 15 who opted for motels and 15 more slated to arrive for Saturday only. With our class record-setting attendance of 59, we rejoiced that several had chosen our 50th to come back for the first time. We also welcomed 20 husbands, no strangers to MWC or us; some had courted their brides-to-be during our

Fabulous Forty-Niner June Davis McCormick (left) and volunteer Krista Mann '99 make the rounds during the reunion picnic.

Then and now: Ann Patty McClintock and other members of the Class of 1949 sported their senior pictures on buttons.

student days. As each classmate checked in, there were glad cries of recognition and joyful hugs. Our first scheduled event was an honoring tea by the Golden Society, in which we all now have membership, and lovely pins to prove it. Who'da thunk it?! We joined all reunion classes in the traditional reception at beautiful Brompton. President Anderson stood on the walk to welcome each one, a gallant and gracious host. On to Seacobeck for a varied selection of buffet dinners, after which many of us walked around that center of our campus life, seeking the familiar. We soon recognized our dining halls and the corner area where Mrs. Bushnell presided and reigned. We almost burst into one of her favorite post-dinner songs. Many then attended a twilight tour of Belmont.

Back in New Hall, after a bit of visiting between rooms, it was an early bedtime for most as Saturday was a day of successive events and a lengthy list of activities scheduled. We must report here that the weather for the entire weekend was perfectly delightful, a much appreciated improvement over our 40th reunion when we sweltered in the heat 'n humidity of Marshall. As advertised, New Hall was air-conditioned, as all who stayed there will attest. We'll cut to the chase 'n tell you that everyone was "real cool" (or in today's vernacular, "chilled out") in New Hall. Apparently, a gremlin got in the AC, and efforts to adjust the controls in each room were to no avail. We wish we could detail the various attire donned and methods tried to counter the frigid air.

Teeth still chattering, coffee delivered to the dorm was a popular item Saturday morning before most dashed off to interesting seminars/classes/tours of campus. At noon, a delightful picnic took place in Palmieri Plaza, the area between Virginia, Willard and Monroe, during which class pictures were scheduled. …

We were thrilled upon learning that our class had won top honors as the largest donor. Special thanks must be expressed to Dee Ross, Erma Whitaker Bockoven, Virginia Lee White, Lucille Pope Midyette and Harriet Scott Brockenbrough, who inaugurated our Class of 1949 Scholarship with a stated goal of $25,000. That goal was met and exceeded! And our unstated, but hoped-for amount to the Annual Fund to equal our reunion year also was reached and exceeded, for a combined grand total of over $51,000. We must turn the spotlight on Betty Forsyth Somers, whose generous donation really put us over the top; Betty, take a bow! …

The MWC Foundation reception was held at Ridderhof Martin Gallery, where some took a quick tour. With the gallery and Belmont, our alma mater is becoming a recognized art center. Wouldn't Mr. Schnellock have a ball! …

During the banquet and awards at the Campus Center, we were again honored, and a slide presentation was shown during dinner. After quite a busy day, we were ready to dress down 'n get comfy. Those staying in motels or who'd come just for the day missed our usual Girls' Night Out. All of us staying in the dorm gathered around the piano especially moved there for B.B.'s playing. You name it; we sang it, especially the peppy songs from our era. Yes, we did our usual conga line, all around the confines of that lobby setting, to "When The Saints Go Marching In". …

We owe heartfelt words of appreciation to every member of the Alumni Office staff and volunteers for their extraordinary efforts on our behalf, their wonderful cooperation and compliance with our every request, before and during the weekend. …

Sunday morning and departure time came too quickly. Amid packing, breakfast plans, fond farewells and promises to stay in touch, we left in groups or individually. First to arrive and last to leave, June enlisted our marvelous volunteers to join in the symbolic balloon-release on the parking lot.

With our 50th reunion now a golden memory, we once again face the future, but with a few wistful, backward glances at the home-away-from-home that nurtured us so many years ago. Our hearts and minds "runneth over" with comradeship, laughter, songs, stories of then and now and the realization expressed by Peggy Truslow Hupfeldt: "When I first came to Mary Washington, I felt we all were so different I might not fit in, and that if I came back for reunion, I'd feel the same way again. I only returned because it was our 50th. Now that I'm here, I realize we're all *just the same.*" (She was going home to try to get her daughter to attend *our* College!)

Finally, the Fabulous Forty-Niners are MWC's new Golden Girls and, as Betty Bond succinctly put it: "We're still cute!"

60th Reunion

It came to pass, our 60th year since graduation. For me, our reunion was over too soon. There's something about the MWC campus, in spite of its impressive changes, new buildings and growth, that makes me feel that I still belong. To current students, I and my classmates may seem ancient history, but when I'm on campus, I feel that I am one of them.

In many ways, reunion was a memorable event. The weather was beautiful — not too hot or too cool. Students, staff and alumni alike were really friendly. I had several interesting conversations with people from other classes. One was the sister of my sister's closest college friend. The activities were enjoyable. While some faces were missing (Dr. Alvey was not well enough to come on campus), the staff made impressive efforts to make us feel at home. Dr. Anderson, president of MWC, greeted each of us individually at his reception. I only wish that the Class of '39 had had a larger representation.

Because our group was small, we tended to stay together. We attended Dr. Crawley's excellent presentation on Jefferson and slavery. Shopping in the bookstore was fun for me. When I attended MWC, rarely could I afford anything I did not need, but during this trip to the bookstore, indulgently, I purchased sweatshirts and teddy bears wearing sweaters emblazoned with MWC for my grandchildren.

The most meaningful activity of all was participating in the oral history project underway at the College. Each of us answered many questions and shared our memories, especially of those activities or situations that no longer exist at MWC. The interviewers were amazed at some of our true stories of college life in 1935-39.

–Class Agent Nancy Herr Fallen '39

40th Reunion

We did it! Another fantastic reunion! And each one gets better! … Each year we are mesmerized by one another's accomplishments as we listen to what has happened to us in the last five years. We have entered another decade of our lives. We are retirees, cancer survivors, single parents and caretakers. We sadly find ourselves losing those loving mothers and fathers and for some of us, our spouses, too. But we endure what life imparts.

This 40th reunion found approximately 40 of us sharing, laughing and empathizing together. Several girls had never attended and were all heard to say, "Why? I never knew how much fun I was missing!" Did y'all hear that?

–Class Agent Edna Gooch Trudeau '59

Simpson/Stephenson Plaque Dedication

On June 5, a pedestal-mounted 20 inches by 16 inches bronze plaque in memory of Dr. Grellet C. Simpson (Chancellor of Mary Washington College, 1956-1974) and Dr. Mary Ellen Stephenson (Professor and Student Dean, 1948-1981), was dedicated and officially presented to the College by the Class of 1961.

Joining representatives of the class (shown above, left to right: Lynn C. McCarthy, Judy Saunders Slifer, Polly Updegraff Champ and Sylvia McJilton Woodcock) were former students, current and past College staff, and friends and family members of Doctors Simpson and Stephenson.

The plaque site is in a lovely wooded area between the Woodard Campus Center and the Simpson Library. This site was selected as the library was named for Dr. Simpson, and it was Dr. Stephenson who worked so diligently to have the library named for Dr. Simpson.

In part, the plaque includes a quote from Dr. Simpson's May 29, 1960, Commencement Address: "Education must be dynamic, not static; continuous and expanding; never ending; never tiring; always democractic, not aristocratic. It must somehow add 'new dimensions of enjoyment and grace to life.'"

Shortly after these two beloved college administrators died, within 24 hours of each other, members of the Class of '61 began work with the College on a way for the class to pay tribute to them.

At the ceremony, Lynn McCarthy said, "Between them they dedicated over 50 years of their lives to the teaching and guiding of young Mary Washington students. Even more remarkable, they followed us not just for four years, but 40. It was our privilege to have known them. They nurtured in us the quest for knowledge and challenged us in the pursuit of excellence, not just academically and while we were on campus, but in our total life journey. They had tremendous faith in us and our abilities, not only to be life-long learners, but to be givers of ourselves and our talents unconditionally to others, as they had done."

Sylvia Woodcock explained the plantings selected for the site. Two varieties of witch hazels were selected, Arnold's Promise and Diane. On behalf of the Class of '61, Mrs. Woodcock presented the plaque to Executive Vice President Marjorie Meredith Poyck '66, who accepted the gift for Mary Washington College.

Dr. Steven A. Greenlaw

Lt. Governor John H. Hager (center), Dean Philip L. Hall, left, and Vincent DiBenedetto, vice rector of the Board of Visitors

Dr. Christine A. McBride

COMMENCEMENT 1999

BY ALLISON M. ENEDY '97

Any fan of classic films can tell you that "every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings." And anyone who has walked the brick path of Campus Walk at Mary Washington College in a cap and gown can tell you that when the bagpipes begin to blow on a Saturday morning in May, a dream is coming true.

And the dream of a degree became a reality for 816 graduates under sunny skies on May 15, 1999. During its 88th Commencement, Mary Washington College awarded 353 bachelor of arts degrees, 314 bachelor of science degrees, 132 bachelor of liberal studies degrees and 17 master of liberal studies degrees.

The Honorable John H. Hager, lieutenant governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, was presented with an honorary doctorate of humane letters. He urged the graduates to be proud of what they have accomplished and to look back with satisfaction from the pinnacle on which they were standing. However, he said, reaching the graduation milestone was no cause to rest because life would present many more challenges.

Dr. Stephen J. Farnsworth (left) is congratulated by Dean Philip L. Hall (center) and Brooks L'Allier (right), president of the Student Government Association.

Angela Marie Kopack

Daisy Lantz Breneman

Natalie Elizabeth Simpson

"It's better to be part of the action than to sit back and watch," Hager said. "The involvement of one's whole self is the essential ingredient of success."

The lieutenant governor also asked the Class of 1999 to take the education they received at Mary Washington College and return the investment made in them by their families, friends, teachers and communities.

"You will make a living by what you get, but you will make your life by what you give," he said. "And it is the application of the knowledge, character and leadership you've developed here at Mary Washington that will help make the world a better place." The new century will be filled with challenges, he said, which they must turn into hope and promise for all people.

The Class of 1999 holds the unique place in Mary Washington College history for being the last graduating class in the 1900s. But despite being the last, they were also the first — the first class to have three Colgate W. Darden Jr. Award winners. This award is presented annually to the student with the highest grade point average (GPA). Each of this year's three winners had perfect 4.0 (all A's) GPAs.

Philip L. Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, noted that since the award was first given in 1960, there have been years when there have been two winners and years when the winners have had 4.0 GPAs, but never have there been three individuals with perfect academic records. Daisy Lantz Breneman of Fredericksburg, Angela Marie Kopack of Annapolis, Md., and Natalie Elizabeth Simpson of Fredericksburg share this unprecedented accomplishment.

Three members of the faculty were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the College. Steven A. Greenlaw, associate professor of economics, was presented the Grellet C. Simpson Award, which is given each year as the institution's most prestigious award for excellence in undergraduate teaching. A member of the faculty since 1982 and current chair of the economics department, Dr. Greenlaw was praised for making economics interesting, requiring students to learn skills crucial to today's high-tech world, and taking a hands-on approach to his subject. He has written several articles for a variety of publications on instructional technology in undergraduate teaching. Dr. Greenlaw has received six faculty development grants, and, in 1993, was voted the Mortar Board Outstanding Faculty Member.

Christine A. McBride, assistant professor of psychology, received the MWC Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award, which is presented annually to an exceptional member of the faculty who has served the institution for at least two years, but no more than five years. She is an expert on health psychology and is the author of numerous articles which have appeared in several health and medical-related publications. She is a member of the American Psychological Association and the Virginia Psychological Association. Dr. McBride began teaching at MWC in 1994.

Stephen J. Farnsworth, assistant professor of political science and international affairs, received the first Mary W. Pinschmidt Award. Dr. Pinschmidt was

The smiles of these graduates represent the feeling of the day.

a highly regarded, longtime member of the faculty who died last November. The recipient of the award is selected by the graduating class as the faculty member "whom they will most likely remember as the one who had the greatest impact on their lives." Dr. Farnsworth spent 10 years as a journalist before joining the Mary Washington College faculty in 1995. He has had numerous opinion columns published in newspapers such as *The New York Times* and *The Christian Science Monitor*. Dr. Farnsworth teaches classes in mass media and politics. During the Convocation ceremonies on Friday evening, he also was awarded the 1999 Richard Palmieri Outstanding Faculty Award by the Mortar Board Senior Honor Society.

Graduates likely reflected on the outstanding accomplishments of their classmates, faculty members, and themselves as they waited to go across the stage, receive their diploma and shake hands with President William M. Anderson Jr. As Lt. Gov. Hager remarked in his commencement address, "Regardless of the path you took, or how long it took you to get here, you all have arrived together at this magnificent moment in your lives, and you certainly have earned the reward that is bestowed upon you."

At the end of the ceremony, a bell didn't sound and an angel didn't get his wings, but the bagpipes sounded as the hopes and goals of students, their families and friends, were successfully reached.

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PEOPLE MAKE MWC SPECIAL
A DEGREE BY DEGREES

BY LIZ GORDON

In January 1995, Ruth White was a happy person with a lawyer-professor daughter, a son headed for George Mason University, and a 21-year job with Virginia Power, a company that gave her a good salary and a sense of accomplishment.

Then, later that year, Ruth's mother died, her father fell ill, her husband became disabled, and she lost that treasured job.

But if you ever met Ruth, you would know she's not the type to accept negative thoughts. She'll say something like, "God is taking me through all this," then she'll enroll in another college course hoping to finish her degree. Her degree, granted this spring, came from MWC.

Ruth White

Before Ruth began studying for a degree, she had been discouraged from attending college because her salary without a degree was higher than most individuals with one. But when someone *with* a degree outside the company got the in-house job she wanted, she saw the light. "I could have had that job," she says.

Working for Virginia Power, Ruth oversaw her department's goals and budgets, as well as personnel and employment benefits. "We had certain goals to accomplish, and my job was to keep the supervisors and managers on the right track," she says.

Virginia Power was the perfect place for Ruth until the company eliminated her department during the 1995 Virginia state reallocation process. "But even then," she says, "the company came through, giving me full salary for two years plus a bonus." By this time Ruth had a two-year business management degree from Germanna Community College, but around this same time her mother fell ill with cancer, causing Ruth to put her college work on hold to care for both parents.

"My father was more difficult to care for than my mother," she says. "After 56 years of marriage, Dad just couldn't deal with Mother's illness. Her attitude was always so pleasant. On the day she died she said, 'I'm fine. What a beautiful day.' Then she was gone, and I changed from someone wondering how I was going to make it, to being proud I had her." After her mother's death, Ruth enrolled at MWC, although she lives an hour away in Orange, Va.

Throughout this time, only two things changed in Ruth's determination to track down a degree — her major and the addition of another full-time job. Her two-year business degree, paid for by Virginia Power, changed to a BLS with a major in psychology, and she accepted the senior administrative assistant position in MWC's James Farmer Multicultural Center. Ruth put all she could, as usual, into her new job, but, not wanting to let her studies suffer, she studied during lunch breaks and late into the nights.

Because of her determination and caring nature, Ruth received all kinds of support, beginning with the award of MWC's $1,000 Patricia Hutton Johnson Memorial Scholarship. Later, when her Virginia Power salary had been cut, and while she was still caring for her mother, she qualified for a $2,500 MWC Lettie Pate Whitehead Scholarship. Ruth's husband, Major White, took charge of all household duties, and, to celebrate her graduation in May, her family sent her on a Caribbean cruise.

Ruth hopes a degree in psychology will help her continue to help others, but don't bet that this degree will be her last.

OFFERING A GIFT OF SERVICE

BY LISA ACKERMAN '96

Guatemala: February 15, 1999

My cold hands are cupped around a warm, chocolate rice drink as I look out my door of this orphanage in the Highlands of Guatemala. I can vividly see the volcanoes of Antigua sprouting up over the mountains while the sun glistens off the cornfields, and fading clouds still mingle.

Lisa Ackerman '96 (third from left), is with three indigenous Caq'chikel who live and work at the orphanage with her. They have just returned from the market in Tecpan.

When I was the student director of MWC's Community Outreach and Resources (COAR), I wrote an article for our semester newsletter and included a famous quote from Margaret Meade: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has." In college, I committed myself to creating "small groups" of students to perform service and tried to impress upon my friends, resident assistants, groups on campus, etc., that even one person, let alone a small group of people, could use his or her personal gifts and particular major to bring about a changed world.

I realize now that although this effort was a noble one, I was too focused on the end result. I hate to say it, but some of my pessimistic friends were right: I probably never will end world poverty.

That isn't giving in to the pessimism and apathy of this world, and it doesn't give me the right to do nothing. Quite the contrary. It allows me to live today and focus on the way I serve people while keeping in mind the big picture. It empowers me to be a healthy presence for others and to really attend to their needs.

Recently I went to El Salvador. I had the incredible opportunity to visit the site of what used to be Oscar Romero's home. Oscar was an archbishop in El Salvador who stood for the poor. He worked to bring down the powerful structures that beget poverty and injustice. Like most "radicals" in Latin America, he was loved by his people and assassinated by the rich and powerful who feared him.

Oscar said, "We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they will hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well."

As I see it, I am not here to change the world. I am here to plant the seed of self-dignity in some of the abandoned kids I live with, water the seeds of healthy relationships already planted by past volunteers, and lay a foundation for new projects or programs that I won't see completed. I am here to be a catalyst for change, not to "be" the change. I am here to walk with those that might be a bit tired, hungry, or just in plain need of some love and a friend.

I might not "do" much. I might not see the end result of my efforts. I probably won't have a school erected and named after me. I probably won't end premature death of malnourished infants. And I probably won't end the plethora of political and social injustices in Guatemala and El Salvador. But I am here to serve people in such a way that enables them to keep their dignity, pride, and self-worth.

So what does this all have to do with COAR? Well, my experience with COAR provided the basis of what I am about today ... the service I perform, how I walk with people, the attitudes I carry with me when I enter into a new culture. Through COAR, I was exposed to "the world outside" of Mary Washington College — all the problems of homelessness, hunger, abuse — and I believed I, along with a small group of buds, could help bring about a new world.

But just how I help bring about that new world has changed. I spend a lot more time "being" instead of "doing." COAR stressed the importance of complementing service with reflection — always. And I have continued to reflect upon what and how I do my service ... how I live it each day. I am not here to tell people what they need and how they should get it. I am here to listen and walk with the poor. I am here to learn ... learn about myself, the injustices that exist in this world, and the "something," however small it is, that I can do and be for those I am around.

Vincent de Paulonce said, "Only your love will enable the poor to forgive you for the bread you break for them." The poor we serve know they are hungry. Often they know that the service we provide to them is their only opportunity to eat that day. They come to us humiliated, embarrassed, heads bowed down, ridden of self-pride, broken, and angry. It is so difficult for us who have so much to accept a gift when we need something. How much harder is it for someone to come, penniless, through our line at the food shelter to ask us for the very thing they cannot do without?

The only way the poor can forgive us for "putting in their face" what they lack is by offering our gift of service gently and with love. By doing so, we enable those who are broken to reclaim their dignity and human value and to join our small group in changing the world, one small life at a time. *This* is true service. *This* is the agent of true change.

Lisa Ackerman '96 of Fairfax Station, Va., works at Guatemala Homes, an orphanage in the highlands of Guatemala. She will be in service for a minimum of two and a half years, under the auspices of Volunteer Missionary Movement.

20 Years at the Heart

BY DAVID CAIN AND DIANE HATCH

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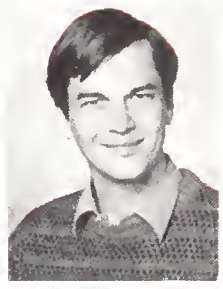
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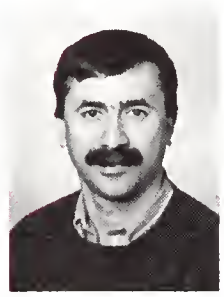
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"What shall we call ourselves?" asked Professor Elizabeth A. Clark. Liz had established the Department of Religion at Mary Washington College in 1965. She was to serve as first chair of an about-to-be-named alliance. Alphabetical order was obvious — and opportune, as three departments, Classics, Philosophy, and Religion, became CPR, one Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion or "cardio-pulmonary resuscitation at the very heart of a liberal arts education." This was 20 years ago — August 1979 — in the "old" Chandler Hall which had pines as tall as itself leaning 'round it.

The operative reason for the merger was reduction of the number of small departments in the name of administrative efficiency. Given and conventional was the association of philosophy and religion. Rare and welcome was the inclusion of classics. Liz's chair was subsequently occupied by George Van Sant (philosophy), Janet Wishner (philosophy), Robert Boughner (classics), Jim Goehring (religion) — and now Craig Vasey (philosophy): more evidence of the unity-in-diversity of CPR.

Interdisciplinary investment has characterized CPR from the first. If we are together administratively, let us be together intellectually and substantively. David in religion proposed an interdisciplinary course, Studies in the Mystery of the Human, and went to Diane in classics to be sure to get the Latin right — *Mysterium Humanum* Studies — and to then Dean

of the Humanities

Mary Ann Burns, herself a classicist, who was receptive to the idea. Supportive colleagues agreed to participate. Amid such enthusiasm CPR 299 — *Mysterium Humanum* Studies — was born: "CPR" because the course counts toward the majors in C, P, and R; "299" as a symbolic number — the course bumps its head against the ceiling of upper-level courses but is open and accessible without prerequisite to anyone interested in adventures in ideas; "*Mysterium Humanum* Studies" because the disciplines of C, P, and R forfeit none of their own distinctiveness by collaborating in this context, which allows for an unlimited range of explorations.

In addition to being a bona fide class, the course incorporates a public lecture series. One CPR professor assembles and conducts the course; all members of the department contribute lectures. "*Mysterium Humanum* Studies: Wrestling with Death in Western Thought" was the initial offering, spring semester 1982, under David's direction, followed by "The Tempest of Time" under George Van Sant (philosophy), Diane's "Sex and Society in the West" and "Discourses of Sexuality" with Bob Boughner (classics). To celebrate CPR's score of years, "*Mysterium Humanum* Studies: Slavery" is being offered fall semester, 1999, Liane Houghtalin (classics) presiding.

CPR 299 is emblematic of a day in the life of CPR: interdisciplinary, collegial, probing, and personal. Many students take a course in C or P or R and "spill over" into one or both of the other disciplines. Triple majors are infrequent; double majors are many. Student-faculty relationship is the heartbeat of CPR.

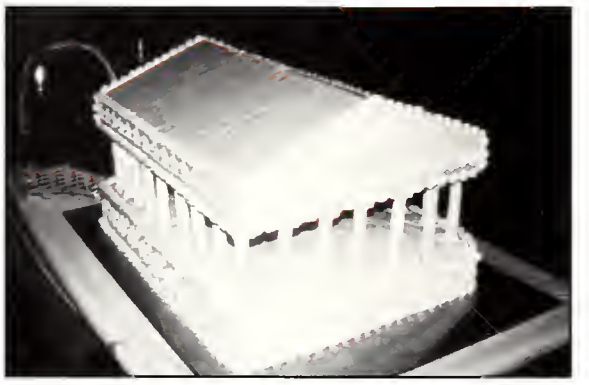
Come September every year since 1979, CPR has gathered faculty, students and friends to a United Fall Picnic/Orientation at a professor's nearby home to meet, eat, play volleyball (Van Sant's Wittgenstein T-shirt is a CPR icon), visit, and wish one another well for the year ahead, a year to be enriched by frequent distinguished guest lecturers in each of the three disciplines. Interdisciplinary conferences have been organized by members of the department as well — on intolerance and toleration (resulting in a book), on protest against God in the Abrahamic religions, on representations of the Other. A special lecture series was arranged to celebrate CPR's 10th anniversary — 10 years ago. The publications of CPRians are currently on display in the rotunda of Trinkle Hall, the former College library. Appropriately enough, the department suite in Trinkle occupies the space that was once the philosophy library.

Another achievement for the department is the recent acceptance of its proposal of a pre-law concentration. Under the aegis of philosophy, the concentration will require the study of Latin.

The newly established Kurt F. Leidecker Center for Asian Studies is located in CPR under the co-directorship of David Ambuel and Mehdi Aminrazavi and becomes a part of CPR's anniversary celebration — and of CPR's future. Professor Leidecker was professor of philosophy at MWC from 1948-1973. His special investment was in eastern philosophy and religion.

Classics, philosophy, and religion share in shepherding fundamental questions of human existence. Are such questions often more significant than answers, and is this recognition one of the jointly offered insights of C and P and R? Each discipline injects humility into our disoriented and disorienting present. Greek and Roman epics and dramas burst ever afresh. Plato and Aristotle will not go away. Devotees can and do learn to read the originals in Greek and Latin. The Vedas, the Buddha, Confucius, the prophets of ancient Israel, and the Sufis of Islam speak as if directly to us across cultures and centuries. *How*? C, P, and R share this question. They share, too, respect and love for the languages in which such voices speak. Within CPR, a student can learn Coptic, Arabic, Sanskrit and discover the integrity of the original texts. *Mysterium Humanum* Studies, indeed. Education for *life*.

As part of a new, college-wide Academic Program Review, external reviewers in classics, philosophy, and religion visited MWC and CPR in October 1998, observing and evaluating the department, interviewing students, faculty and administration. Dean Richard Valentasis of Hartford Theological Seminary, on-site reviewer in religion, wrote:



"CPR's 20th-anniversary birthday cake was imaginatively and lovingly baked and decorated by Angie Cornwell, the wife of William Cornwell, senior lecturer in philosophy," said David Cain.

"The Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion is an impressive collaborative melding of three very different disciplines. While most colleges struggle to get disciplines to work collaboratively, this department successfully yokes these disciplines and has accomplished far more than any one of them could achieve alone. The synergy of these department members as well as their willingness not only to cooperate, but also to cohere as disciplines, speaks loudly that the combination of disciplines has produced far in excess of expectation."

Most important, students agree. CPR is one of the riches of MWC. Now for another score of years.

David Cain is distinguished professor of religion. A recipient of the Grellet C. Simpson Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, he is the author/photographer of An Evocation of Kierkegaard/En Fremkaldelse af Kierkegaard *(1997). This is his 29th year at MWC.*

Professor of Classics Diane Hatch has taught at MWC for 30 years. She regularly teaches Greek and Latin as well as general courses in English.

From Goolrick Gym to Cyberspace –

MWC Athletics Hosts A Top Collegiate Athletic Web Site

BY CLINT OFTEN

Mention the word "sportswriter" to a generation of newspaper readers and sports fans, and an image comes to mind of a grizzled man, chomping on a cigar, swearing while pounding away at his typewriter. The results of the previous day's events would be presented for the entire community to read in the morning edition. But, thanks to the fast-paced technology of the 90s, those stereotypes are changing. In a time where a world of information is available at the click of a computer-mouse, the MWC Athletics Web site has emerged as an extremely comprehensive site in cyberspace.

Men's basketball coach Rod Wood (center) and rowing coach Brad Holdren (right) link onto their team sites on the Internet, as Clint Often looks on.

ith hundreds of linked pages highlighting all of Mary Washington's 23-sport contingent, including photos, statistics, rosters, and schedules, the Eagles' site hosts virtually everything a fan could want to keep up-to-date with his/her favorite team. Also included on the site is an innovative online communication form, which potential student-athletes may complete and forward to the MWC coach they wish to contact. This feature landed Mary Washington in an article in the nationally distributed *Street and Smith's Sports Business Journal* this spring.

The site has allowed MWC to reach far beyond the limits of regional "live" recruiting, by placing a wealth of information at the fingertips of anyone browsing for colleges and athletic teams. "The Internet and e-mail are effective tools for Division III schools [such as Mary Washington], given their limited budgets," NCAA spokesperson Jane Jankowski says.

The recruits have taken notice. Since last November, the site has been accessed over 50,000 times. The online form has been a resounding success, with nearly 1,000 potential athletes contacting MWC for information. Of that number, information has been sent from 41 states and several foreign countries. The 1998-99 MWC rosters included athletes from San Diego, Calif., Mercer Island, Wash., Jupiter, Fla., and Wilton, Conn.

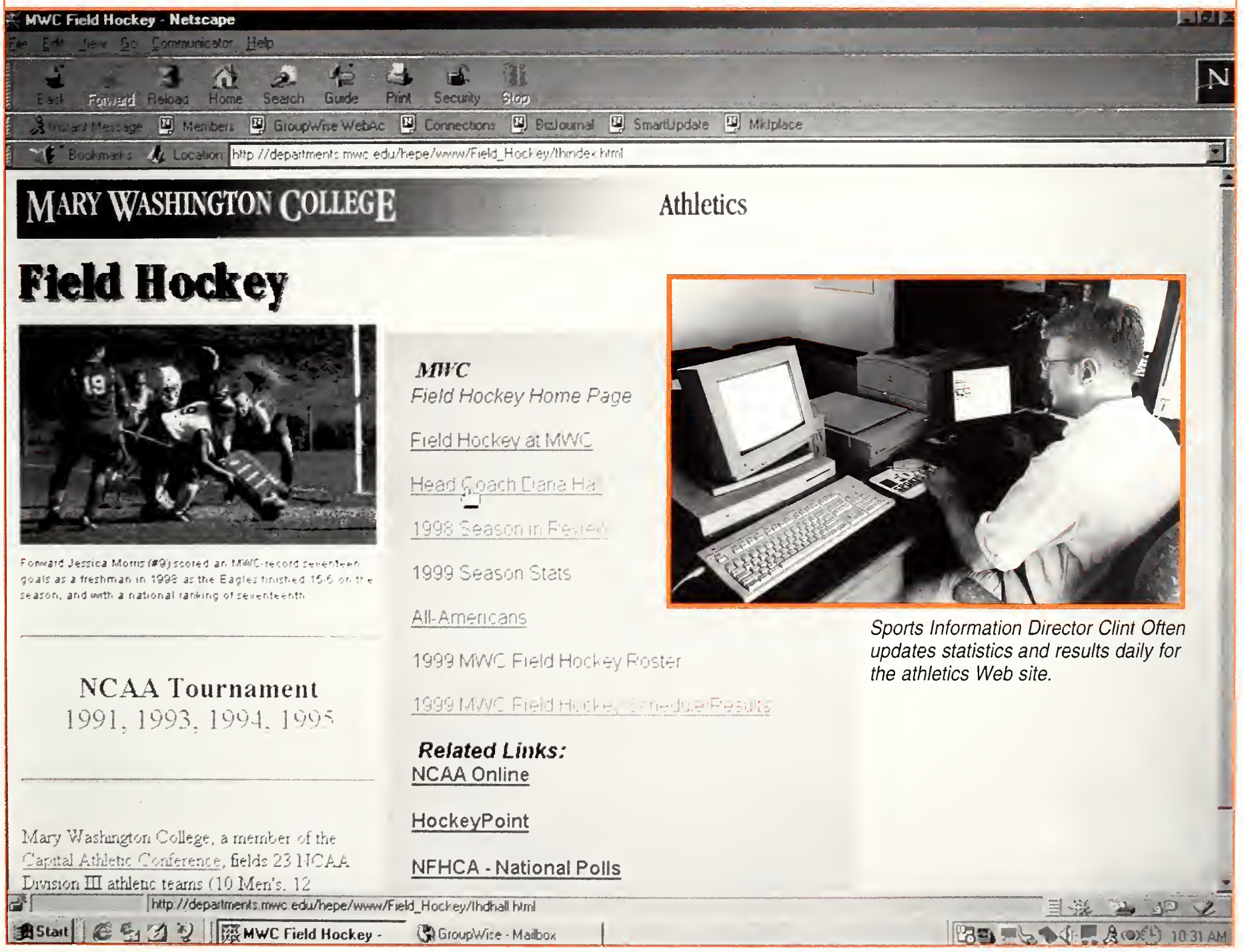
The site has allowed the coaching staff to reach more students, who express interest by making the initial contact. "Recruiting massive numbers is typical in Division III," says MWC Athletic Director Ed Hegmann. "The Internet provides another source of names of student-athletes, providing a warmer contact since the student is making the first move."

The site also allows parents, friends and alumni to stay in touch with the athletic department on a daily basis; information is updated each day. Web surfers like the individual athlete pages, which have a color photo of each of MWC's 350-plus athletes, as well as their class, hometown and high school, uniform number, and position. "With instantaneous information, the Internet site has become an instant press release," says Hegmann. "People have come to rely on it."

The emergence of the Internet in college athletics also allows for instant contact with media, fans and opposing schools. Last fall, information from the 1998 NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Tournament at the Battleground Athletic Complex was updated on a "live" basis as the games were being played, allowing the visiting schools from Georgia, Texas and Virginia instant access to updates from the games. Links to related sites, such as NCAA Online and the Capital Athletic Conference Online, are also useful in providing information on MWC's place among the elite in NCAA Division III.

Want to know our address for the new millennium? http://departments.mwc.edu/hepe/www/

Clint Often is MWC's sports information director.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Forward Jessica Morris (#9) scored an MWC-record seventeen goals as a freshman in 1998 as the Eagles finished 15-6 on the season, and with a national ranking of seventeenth.
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Mary Washington College, a member of the Capital Athletic Conference, fields 23 NCAA Division III athletic teams (10 Men's, 12
Sports Information Director Clint Often updates statistics and results daily for the athletics Web site.
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Under the guidance of Dr. John Temple, Russell Lederhouse '00 studied movement control in snakes. Here he is analyzing brain neurochemicals using high performance liquid chromatography.

$200,000 duPont Grant Enables Scientific Research at Mary Washington College

Mary Washington College has received a $200,000 competitive grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Religious, Charitable and Education Fund to support a faculty and undergraduate student summer research project in the natural sciences. Recognizing that small liberal arts colleges are among the nation's most vital assets, the Jessie duPont Fund has created a list of 37 eligible colleges and offers support each year, on a competitive basis, to these institutions.

"We are tremendously grateful for this grant and are very excited about the new program," says Ray Scott, professor of chemistry and summer research project director at Mary Washington College. "Real scientific exploration is an essential component of a complete science education and prepares students for both the academic challenges of graduate-level work and for the demands of successfully managing an entry-level research position after graduation." Fourteen students and seven faculty members participated in science research studies this past summer at MWC. The 10-week program ended with a symposium of findings on July 28.

Mary Washington College received the first of three grant payments in April, just in time to begin the science research program for summer 1999. Additional grant payments will be distributed to the College over the next two years, but are contingent on the College's success in raising $2 million in private support to endow the program. For more information on how you can give to this program, please call Valerie Schultheiss Kuramoto, director of planned and leadership giving, at 1-888-MWC-0004.

Ed Hegmann Jumps The Net

At the annual end-of-the-year athletics banquet last April, Clint Often, sports information director, presented Ed Hegmann a framed picture of an Eagle to commemorate Ed's 23 years as head coach of women's tennis. When Clint showed the group a composite video of his boss with various teams and players while the song "Time of Your Life" played in the background, Ed cried.

Ed, recently named NCAA Division III National Coach of the Year for the second time, then wiped his eyes and said he really did have the time of his life coaching women's tennis. But this fall, after so many years (more than a lifetime to most of the students present at the banquet) Ed stopped coaching to concentrate on his duties as MWC athletic director.

A lifetime ago there were only five sports offered at MWC: men's and women's basketball, field hockey, women's swimming and women's tennis. "Must have been easy for the sports information director," says Clint, with a sly grin.

Since then, the number of sports activities has exploded to 23, and his department has racked up unparalleled successes. During that time, Mary Washington College produced 141 All-Americans and played in 111 NCAA and AIAW National Championship events. "Ed's vision helped MWC develop one of the nation's finest athletic facilities, where three national

championship events have been held," says Clint.

Perhaps the most successful of all the MWC programs over the years has been Dr. Hegmann's women's tennis. "The program was a reflection of the student athletes' hard work and dedication," Ed says.

Ed's list of accomplishments also includes coaching the 1982 AIAW National Champions, 1988 NCAA National Champions, 1992 NCAA National Champions, 14 team appearances in National Championships and nine Capital Athletic Conference Championships. Ed was also 1988 NCAA Div. III National Coach of the Year, when his national championship team finished with a 33-1 record, and nine times named Capital Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.

"Success breeds success," says Ed. "Once we achieved national caliber we attracted individuals who desired to be at a higher level ... recruiting became easier.

"Those kids allowed me to push them to heights they didn't think they could attain. The trick is knowing when, or if, to push, and how hard."

Ed's payback comes from former students such as Jamie Evans, serving her country in Korea. After checking out the MWC Web site, Jamie sent a heartwarming e-mail thanking Coach Hegmann for helping her become what she is today.

Those national awards from his peers are only icing on the cake.

L.G.

The James Farmer Scholars Program provides college preparatory information and academic monitoring to area students in grades 7-12. Scholars participate in a variety of programs that enhance their preparation for higher learning and broaden their future aspirations.

The scholars above relax on Campus Walk on a lunch break during a Saturday session.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Meta R. Braymer, dean, and Joan L. Ondrof, professional development program coordinator, James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, presented a seminar, "Collaborating with School Districts to Meet New State Teacher Competency Standards." It was presented at the University Continuing Education Association's national conference in San Antonio, Texas. The topic focused on a unique certificate program that develops skills in classroom applications of computer technologies.

Daniel A. Dervin, professor emeritus of English, linguistics, and speech, has had numerous articles published since his retirement in 1997. They include "Nothing to Hide: Group-Fantasy and the Politics of Unreality," *Journal of Psychohistory* (1998):26:563-72. "Enos Mills Among the Grizzlies," *Allenspark Wind* (March & April, 1998). "A Visit with the Historyman of Estes Park," *Allenspark Wind* (November 1998). "Faces of China," *Free-Lance Star (Town & County)* Dec. 5, 1998. "The Clinton-Starr Show," *Clio's Psyche* (December 1998):77-8. "The Electra Complex: A History of Misrepresentations," *Gender and Psychoanalysis* (1998):3:451-69. "Why Was Freud so Hung-up on Sex?" *Clio's Psyche* (March 1999). "Massacre in Littleton," *Clio's Psyche* (May 1999). "The Absent Father's Presence in Modern and American Gay Drama," *American Imago* (1999):56:53-74. "Installments on the Life of Msgr. J.J. Bosetti," *Allenspark Wind* (May 1999) and continuing. Book reviews include: "Ten Fool Songs," in an anthology of poetry, *Words from the Heart* (Columbia Publns, 1999); "Clinton as the First Black President: A Group-Fantasy During a Time of Impeachment," *Tapestry* (1999); "The Horse Whisperer," Film Notes, *Psychoanalytic Review* (1999). Dr. Dervin was back in the classroom at MWC last spring.

Stephen J. Farnsworth, assistant professor of political science and international affairs, presented a paper titled "Frustration with Congress and Political Reform: Efforts to Restore Political Support" at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. In addition, he was part of a scholarly panel analyzing the 1998 congressional elections at The Annual Conference of Virginia Political Scientists.

Patricia Lacey Metzger, professor of business administration, presented a paper, "Encouraging Women's Leadership," at the Western Decision Sciences Institute Regional Meeting in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, where she also discussed the "Assessment of Changing Core Requirements on the Performance of Accounting Students." Dr. Metzger presented "A Model Women's Leadership Course for Adult Learners" at the National Conference on the Adult Learner in Richmond, Va. Dr. Metzger also presented "Telecommuting Can Provide a Path to Economic Security for U.S. and Asian Women," with co-author Margaret A. Klayton-Mi, associate professor of business administration, at the 4th Asia Pacific Decision Sciences Institute Conference in Shanghai, China. Dr. Metzger also chaired the session on "Decision-Making and Negotiation Styles" at this conference.

Mark J. Safferstone, associate dean, James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, reviewed two books, *Leveraging the New Infrastructure: How Market Leaders Capitalize on Information Technology*, and *Information Rules: A Strategic Guide to the Network Economy* for the *Academy of Management Executive*, a professional journal of the Academy of Management. Dr. Safferstone also reviewed *Net Future: The seven cybertrends that will drive your business, create new wealth, and define your future*, by Charles L. "Chuck" Martin for *ChamberLink*, the monthly newsletter of the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce. In addition, he led a workshop titled "Leadership Implications of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator" at the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Va.

April

Scott Fried, an experienced lecturer and motivational speaker, talked about "AIDS, Love and Staying Alive." Fried was diagnosed with HIV 11 years ago, and has spoken to over 100,000 people in the United States and Israel during the past seven years...Two art exhibitions exploring the relationship between the visual arts and music were on display at the Mary Washington College Galleries from April 1 to June 6...David C. Driskell, distinguished professor of art at the University of Maryland, presented a slide-illustrated lecture, "Palmer C. Hayden and the Harlem Renaissance Dialogue," in the Studio at Belmont...The Department of Modern Foreign Languages sponsored a folk art workshop on the ancient art of Ukrainian Easter-egg painting. The workshop was part of a series of events related to Russian and Slavic culture, "Russian Culture Days." The Department of Art and Art History co-sponsored the event...The Multicultural Fair drew a crowd of approximately 4,000 people to the College to take part in this annual day-long celebration of cultural diversity...The Mary Washington College Department of Theatre and Dance concluded its 1998-99 season with William Shakespeare's *As You Like It*...A senior voice recital was presented by soprano Alicia Steele...The work of several Mary Washington College historic preservation students was on display in an exhibit titled "The Washingtons and Fredericksburg: Roots of a City and a Nation"...Encore, the Mary Washington College Show Choir, presented "Encore Is Broadway Bound"...The Mary Washington College Jazz Ensemble concert featured professional jazz musician James Moody. The 72-year-old jazz legend has received many honors throughout his career, including the National Endowment of the Arts 1998 Jazz Masters Award, and has appeared as an honored guest at the American Jazz Masters Day in Los Angeles, the Telluride Jazz Celebration in Colorado and at a White House reception hosted by President Clinton honoring the 1998 Jazz Masters...The award-winning a cappella group, Ball in the House, performed in the Great Hall. Symfonics, the College's student-run a cappella group, was the opening act...The public affairs television channel, C-SPAN, broadcast a live program from the James Monroe Museum. The visit was part of C-SPAN's 20th Anniversary Television Series, "American Presidents: Life Portraits." The series began on March 14 with a program on George Washington and will continue through all presidents, with one week being devoted to each. James Monroe was the nation's fifth president, serving from 1817 to 1825...A program of readings from Harlem Renaissance writers, poets and philosophers was presented by Carmen Gillespie, assistant professor of English at MWC...The Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of James E. Baker, presented its final performance of the 1998-1999 concert season ...The Friends of the Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra hosted "Fiddlestix," a classical musical series for young children. The program, "Who Put the Oomph in the Oomph, Pa, Pa?" was presented in Lee Hall Ballroom and was open to the public without charge ...Roland L'Allier, a principal officer for the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), spoke about the war in Kosovo and the role of the United Nations in the crisis.

May

Arnoldo H. Resendez, country director for the Peace Corps, Honduras, was the convocation speaker...The Center for Historic Preservation at Mary Washington College has awarded the Historic Preservation Book Prize for 1999 to *The Presence of the Past: Popular Uses of History in American Life*, by Roy Rosenzweig and David Thelen. Rosenzweig is professor of history and director of the Center for History and New Media at George Mason

State Legislator Serves as MWC Distinguished Graduate in Residence

Linda T. "Toddy" Puller, Democratic representative to the Virginia House of Delegates and Mary Washington College alumna, served as the Distinguished Graduate in Residence for the 1999 spring semester at Mary Washington. On April 20-21, Delegate Puller spoke to several classes, including women's studies, political science and environmental science. She concluded her visit over lunch with students and faculty from the classes she had visited.

The Graduate in Residence program was established by the Alumni Association to focus on outstanding alumni. The program aims to bring these accomplished former students to campus to interact with current students and faculty.

A resident of Northern Virginia, Delegate Puller has represented the 44th House District, located in the southeast corner of Fairfax County, since 1992. As a legislator, her committee assignments include Interstate Cooperation, Privileges and Elections, Education, Transportation and Finance. She is the vice chair of the Commission on Family Violence Prevention, and is a member of the Commission on Early Childcare and Child Day Care Programs.

A board member of several organizations, including Route One Corridor Housing and the Northern Virginia Community College Educational Foundation, she is active with the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce and the Democratic State Central Committee. She was appointed by Govs. Allen and Gilmore to serve on the state Board of Veterans Affairs.

Puller is a member of the advisory board for the Vietnam War in Memory Memorial Project, which aims to have a plaque placed at the war memorial in Washington, D.C., as a tribute to those whose postwar deaths can be attributed to their Vietnam War service. Her late husband, Pulitzer Prize winning author Lewis B. Puller Jr., was maimed and paralyzed by a land mine during his tour of duty in Vietnam.

She is a member of the Episcopal Church and in 1991 received the Youth Service Award from United Community Ministries. Delegate Puller graduated from Mary Washington in 1967 with a degree in art history. She has two children.

University. Thelen is professor of history at Indiana University and editor of the *Journal of American History*. Their book was published by Columbia University Press. The Historic Preservation Book Prize is awarded annually to a book that in the view of the judges, has made the most significant contribution to historic preservation in the United States.

Teacher of the Year

Mary Washington College graduate and Virginia's "Teacher of the Year," Linda Bridgeford Koutoufas, was the keynote speaker during the scholarship awards dinner at a mathematics and science colloquium for K-12 teachers and college educators held at MWC July 14-16.

Ms. Koutoufas, a 1973 graduate of the College is a resident of Chesapeake and teaches third grade at Woodstock Elementary School in Virginia Beach. She received the "Teacher of the Year" Award last October from the Virginia Department of Education.

David Baldacci Lectures at MWC

Best-selling author David Baldacci spoke to a group of students from creative writing and literature classes, as well as members of the MWC Writers Society and the Underground Writers Workshop. Baldacci also spoke to the President's Book Club as part of his visit to campus.

Baldacci's first novel, *Absolute Power*, spent 17 weeks on *The New York Times* best-seller list and also was named to *The Wall Street Journal* best-seller list. This intricate story of an honorable thief and the White House corruption he stumbles upon was made into a motion picture starring Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman and Ed Harris.

Since *Absolute Power*'s success in 1997, the attorney-turned-author has written several extremely popular novels including *The Simple Truth* (1998), *The Winner* (1998) and *Total Control* (1997). He also has done work on several screenplays.

Baldacci, a Virginia native and resident, is a former trial and corporate attorney. His stories and characters draw on his legal experience and the various occupations he held during college and law school. The author, who was paid $2 million dollars for *Absolute Power* the day after Warner Books received the manuscript, once worked as a vacuum cleaner salesman, a fence builder and a security guard.

ELSEWHERE

Back, left to right: Cynthia Rollo, Cheyenne "Pepper" Corcoran, Carole Corcoran, Billy Joel, Natalie Illum and Michele Thomason. Front, left to right: Judith Parker and Margaret Linkh.

Professor Carole Corcoran (Psychology) and Associate Professor Judith Parker's (English, Linguistics, and Speech) 491 students (Independent Research) discovered an unexpected Social Science fan (Billy Joel) when they presented their recent research findings at the 24th Annual Association for Women in Psychology Conference held at the Westin Hotel, March 4-7 in Providence, R.I. Students were enrolled in either PSYC, ELS or IDIS 491 and included Michele Thomason, Cynthia Rollo, Natalie Illum, Margaret Linkh, and Amante Marinas (not pictured). The youngest research team member pictured, Cheyenne "Pepper" Corcoran, did not present a paper.

For the past three years, Judith Parker and Carole Corcoran's research program has focused on the benefits of integrating theory and methods across disciplinary frameworks to enhance conceptualization and assessment of interventions for survivors of sexual assault and abuse. In a paper published in the *Proceedings of the 16th International Congress of Linguists*, Corcoran and Parker examine the convergence of relevant concepts and assessment measures from acoustics, linguistics, and social and clinical psychology.

Parker and Corcoran's 491 research team students from various disciplines have presented findings on sexual assault survivors at the Virginia Psychological Association and both the 23rd and 24th Annual Association for Women in Psychology national conferences.

In May 1999, at the Michael Scott Studio on West 32nd Street in New York City, a celebration honored Alfred Levitt, who was made a member of Phi Beta Kappa the previous month by action of Kappa of Virginia at Mary Washington College.

A major donor to the Mary Washington College Galleries and the College itself, Mr. Levitt's significant contributions include the Margaret Sutton collection, comprised of paintings, archives and books, and another large collection of his own paintings and drawings. Some of Sutton's books are housed in the Alfred and Gertrude Levitt Memorial Study Room in Trinkle Hall.

Irene Lundy Brown '39

Making MWC History Again

BY KAREN DUBS

A member of the first Board of Visitors at Mary Washington College, Irene Lundy Brown '39 is making MWC history again by establishing the College's first full-ride, merit scholarship. In the fall of 2000, the Irene Lundy Brown Washington Scholarship will bring the first Washington Scholar to MWC's campus, covering the recipient's full cost for attending the College, including tuition, room and board, fees and books.

When Irene Lundy attended Mary Washington College in the 1930s, few students received scholarships. Irene, one of nine children, took out two loans, borrowed money from her uncle, and worked a part-time job as a student aide to pay for her education. "It was worth every cent," she says of her MWC degree. "It was a long time ago, but I remember how tough it was to study, work, and get good grades. That's why I am so excited about this scholarship and the opportunity it will provide to deserving MWC students."

An endowment of $200,000 funds one full-ride scholarship, which is intended to cover the cost of four years of study for each recipient. Awarded on the basis of merit and admitted through the honors program, the ideal Washington Scholar will possess a combination of exceptional talents including leadership, academic skills and a demonstrated commitment to community service.

"The intent is to attract individuals who will make significant contributions to the College as students, and who, as MWC alumni, will go on to positively impact their communities and the world," says Martin A. Wilder, vice president for enrollment management and dean of admissions. "Because of the College's reputation for academic excellence, MWC already attracts exceptional students. But a full scholarship will attract the very best and brightest — those who have the potential to become the leaders of tomorrow."

The Washington Scholarship program has been a longtime goal of the MWC Alumni Association. In 1998, under the leadership of Theresa Young Crawley '77, the Alumni Association initiated the Washington Scholars program by contributing $50,000 in endowment funds. This year, Mrs. Brown has taken the program a step further by establishing its first scholarship.

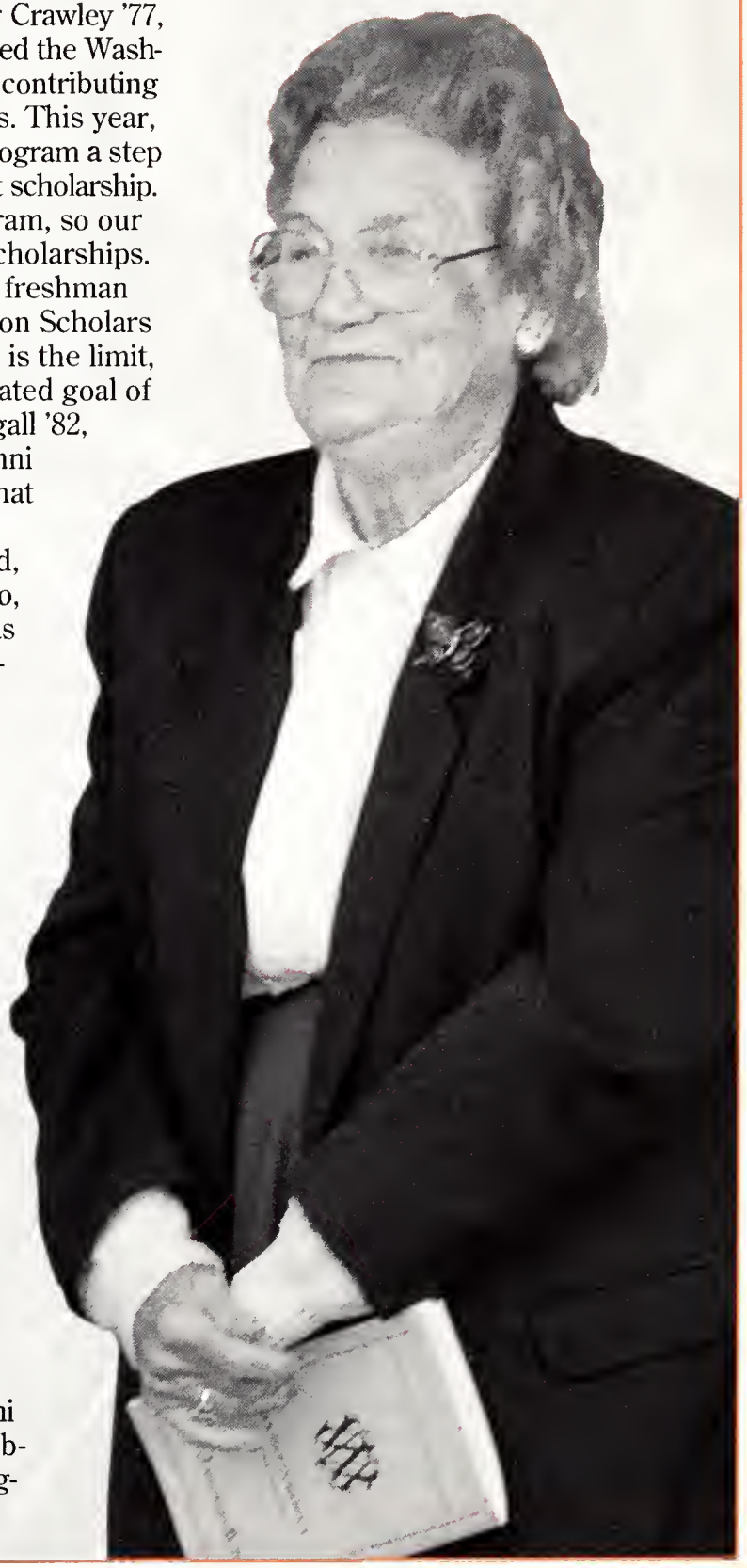
"This is a four-year program, so our first goal is to endow four scholarships. Then each year an entering freshman can be part of the Washington Scholars program. After that, the sky is the limit, although 12 has been the stated goal of our board," says Tara Corrigall '82, president of the MWC Alumni Association. "I am thrilled that Irene established the first Washington Scholarship and, as the program grows, so, too, will the positive impact it has on the College and the community as a whole."

"It's really the Alumni Association that deserves the recognition for establishing the program," says Mrs. Brown. "I'm happy to follow its lead and do what I can to help make the dream a reality."

The Irene Lundy Brown Washington Scholarship not only makes a dream come true for both Mary Washington College and its alumni association, but also for the deserving incoming MWC student who will receive an outstanding, nationally ranked MWC education because of Mrs. Brown's generosity.

Private support from alumni and friends is needed to establish each additional Washington Scholarship. For more information, please call Dr. Ronald Singleton, senior vice president for advancement and college relations, at 1-888-MWC-0004.

Karen Dubs was formerly director of marketing for college advancement at MWC.



Message from the President of the Alumni Association

This past year has been tremendously rewarding, with the launching of our alumni Web site, many well-attended regional events, good crowds at Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, and the establishment of the first Washington Scholarship. I was thrilled that a longtime alumni board member, Irene Lundy Brown '39, made such a generous gift. Now we must work to get three more scholarships endowed as soon as possible so we can offer one each year to an incoming freshman.

One new endeavor is the MWC affinity card being offered by the College in cooperation with MBNA America. You might have already received information on this exciting new project. All royalties earned through card use will directly support the Washington Scholars Program.

Another way for us to stay informed about you is through the alumni directory. The next directory is set for publication in 2000. Please make sure you submit your information; it is such a great resource for all of us. You will be able to order it in either book or CD-ROM form or both!

Many of you have heard that we are in the early stages of planning for a new alumni center. Bob and Alice Andrews Jepson '64 have most generously given us a challenge gift of $2,500,000 toward an improved facility for alumni relations activities. You will be hearing lots more about this in the near future. Such a concept has been on the proverbial "back burner" for some time, but this remarkable commitment from the Jepsons will enable the College to move forward immediately. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the Jepsons for their generosity and leadership in this effort.

In *MWC Today* you read about the fabulous accomplishments of fellow alumni. I hope you will take the time to stop and consider alumni you know (yourself included) to nominate as award recipients, board members and Board of Visitors members. You can make nominations via the alumni section of the College Web site; visit us at www.mwc.edu. We really want to hear from you about yourself and other candidates. Don't be shy!

I am thrilled with the progress we've made and know this academic year will be even more action-packed. I hope to see many of you at events in the coming months.

Tara C. Corrigall '82

Alumna Celebrates 100th Birthday

BY ANN DUNAWAY CRISWELL '55

Annie Towles Dunaway, Class of 1919, who turned 100 on the Fourth of July, is one of the oldest living MWC alumnae. With her daughter, Ann Dunaway Criswell, also an MWC alumna, Class of 1955, Annie Towles Dunaway celebrated her milestone with many relatives and friends.

After graduating from what was then known as Fredericksburg State Normal School, Annie Towles accepted a teaching position in Fairfax County, Va. She later taught in Lancaster County, Va. After her marriage to Vernon Dunaway, she moved to Baltimore, where she devoted her energies to homemaking, to rearing their daughter, to volunteer work, and to gardening. In 1966 Annie and Vernon Dunaway retired to their native Lancaster County.

Among her memories of her college days in Fredericksburg is a vivid recollection of the flu epidemic in 1918. Because so many students and faculty had fallen ill, all classes were suspended. Despite the high mortality rate internationally in that 1918 flu epidemic, all Fredericksburg State Normal School students recovered. However, one professor, Miss Virginia May Goolrick, succumbed. She was a history instructor who lived in Willard Hall, which was also Annie Towles' dormitory.

Another memory is of Annie's U.S. History Class, in which a Civil War veteran came as guest speaker to recount his many battlefield experiences.

To travel from her parents' home in Lancaster County to the Fredericksburg campus, Annie Towles and other Lancaster girls took the steamboat up the Rappahannock River. After Christmas vacation one year, the steamboat was blocked by ice in the river. What was usually a one-day trip took three or four days, and the steamboat ran out of food.

One of a Kind

Arabelle Laws Arrington's father was killed in a tornado when she was just 7 years old. Her mother, also severely injured in the catastrophe, was left with only a piece of land but several children to care for. "Her main ambition was to make sure we all entered college," says Arabelle (Class of 1941). "If it hadn't been for Mary Washington being there, I might never have made it. I love that College."

Love motivates Arabelle to do a lot of things, among them give unselfishly of her time, talent and money to MWC. She not only declares her love for the College but she proudly carries it around. Almost 15 years ago, Arabelle asked a friend's daughter, Cindy Fauntz, now a prominent artist, to paint a few memorable MWC buildings on a wooden-kit purse.

Even in a black and white photo you can see the depth of red Cindy used for the wrap-around mural: GW Hall proudly on the front, Virginia Hall (where Arabelle lived her first two years) flanking one side, Seacobeck on the other. Westmoreland (her senior dorm) graces the back. Her mural purse isn't the only way she advertises her love of MWC, but it certainly shows her vivid enthusiasm.

By Liz Gordon

Proud To Be MWC

BY KAREN DUBS

Mary Washington College alumni are showing their pride in their alma mater by giving to the College's Annual Fund.

Each year, *U.S. News & World Report* publishes a college rankings report. These standings are greatly influenced by the percentage of alumni who participate in the Annual Fund. Participation is considered to be an alumni approval rating, and, by the looks of our giving rate, MWC alumni definitely approve. In the past fiscal year, our participation rate was an impressive 34 percent. In 1998, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked MWC #1 among public "Regional Universities in the South," as follows:

College	Alumni Giving Rate
Mary Washington College	30%
Longwood College	28%
The Citadel	23%
James Madison University	20%
Appalachian State University	14%

U.S. News & World Report is the resource most often used for researching colleges. Who looks at these rankings?

- ★ Foundations and other potential donors
- ★ Prospective students
- ★ Prospective employers
- ★ Graduate schools

Special thanks to all those who supported the College in 1998-99. When alumni participate in the Annual Fund, they directly impact the continued success of Mary Washington College.

Karen Dubs was formerly director of marketing for college advancement at MWC.

Gift Annuity at the College

Preparing to celebrate major college reunions a year apart, Elizabeth Phillips Roe '44 and her husband, William M.D. Roe, made a significant philanthropic decision. In honor of his 55th reunion at Washington College in Chestertown, Md., Mr. Roe established a $100,000 gift annuity in 1998. This year it was Mrs. Roe's turn to celebrate her 55th reunion, at Mary Washington College. "Fair is fair," said Mrs. Roe, as she described her decision to establish a $100,000 gift annuity to benefit her alma mater.

Elizabeth Phillips Roe was raised in Hampton, Va., and found her way to Mary Washington College in the early 1940s, when the nation's attention was on World War II. At this time, many young men and women had joined the war effort, and the workforce was significantly diminished. Inspired by the patriotic call to help replace workers who were serving in the armed forces, Mrs. Roe completed her Mary Washington education in just three years by attending summers. After graduation, she immediately began working as a teacher.

Her time as a teacher, and her Mary Washington experience, led her to the decision to support education through a gift annuity at the College. The residual from the gift annuity will be used to establish The Elizabeth Phillips Roe '44 and William M.D. Roe Scholarship. This merit-based scholarship will provide recognition and support for talented Mary Washington students from Virginia and Maryland.

All Mary Washington College Alumni

In an effort to bring alumni from around the globe back together, the Mary Washington College Alumni Association is proud to announce the publication of an all-new alumni directory.

Scheduled for release in 2000, our alumni directory will be the most up-to-date and complete reference of more than 21,000 Mary Washington College grads ever compiled! This comprehensive volume will include current name and name when a student (if different) as well as class year(s) and degree(s) earned from Mary Washington College. Each biographical listing will also include home address and phone number, names of spouse and children, in addition to detailed professional information.

The new 2000 edition will list alumni alphabetically with the information outlined above, by class year, by geographic location and by occupation in our special career networking section. In addition to this, all alumni with e-mail addresses will be listed by name with their corresponding class year and e-mail address in a separate section of the directory.

The Alumni Office has chosen the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company to produce this special edition. Harris will soon begin researching and compiling the data to be included in the directory by mailing a questionnaire to each alumna/us. Please be sure to fill it out and return it as soon as you receive it. (If we don't have your current address, please contact the Alumni Office as soon as possible so we can make sure you receive a directory questionnaire!)

With your participation, the 2000 edition of the *Mary Washington College Alumni Directory* is sure to be a great success. Look for more details on the project in future months.

"Are All of You From Mary Washington?"

Seated (left to right): Tori Hillyer Brantley '96 (Math), Brian Lusk '98 (Math and Physics) First row: Tricia Waldrop Belman '94 (Economics), Mike Zerull '92 (Math), Rita Stidham '97 (Math and Physics) Second row: Cary Miller '84 (Math), Candace Turley '97 (Math), Chuck Francis '95 (Computer Science), Sara Baldwin '98 (Math), Melissa Walker Canady '93 (Math) Back row: Joe Petruzzo '90 (Physics), Joe Grzeika '83 (Computer Science), Erik Pierce '87/89 (Computer Science and MBA), Reidar Olsen '97 (English) Not pictured: Stephanie Brown '96 (Physics), Phil Hall '89 (Computer Science)

BY TORI HILLYER BRANTLEY '96

With 25 percent of the employees being Mary Washington College alumni, "Are all of you from Mary Washington?" is a question we hear often at our PCI Dahlgren, Va., office. The 15 MWC graduates at PCI Dahlgren range from the vice-president (Class of '83) to our newest junior engineers (Class of '98), with degrees in computer science, math, physics, and, of course, our one "token" English major. This "formula" of hiring MWC alumni with technical degrees seems to work! As our office expands, we continually hire new people and win new contracts. We've even started to use this formula in our Crystal City office where several of the engineers are Mary Washington alumni, as well.

Our work is mainly defense contracting for the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWCDD), primarily the AEGIS Weapon System. NSWCDD is a hot spot for MWC alumni, with numerous graduates, adjunct professors, and current students working for contractors and government alike. It's rare to go to a meeting in Dahlgren without another MWC alum in attendance. It certainly makes a big community feel smaller!

Each May we hire new MWC grads, try to figure out if any of us know them or had classes with them, and then wait for their arrival. After they arrive it isn't long before we start peppering them with questions about the nightmare classes (Abstract Algebra, Real Analysis, Fortran) and relaying our own stories (commuter parking, getting caught in the shower during a fire drill, junior ring week pranks). We also find it interesting how some of the professors have changed while others haven't changed at all (names like Reynolds, Ackermann, Zaidman, Atalay, and others are commonly heard around the office), and what new traditions have been started. One thing we all share at PCI Dahlgren is similar memories of a great school, tremendous professors, and wonderful people with whom to share our memories.

Tori Hillyer Brantley '96 is a systems engineer for PCI in Dahlgren, performing tests and evaluations of AEGIS computer programs. She and her husband, Bill Brantley '95, live in Fredericksburg with their two bulldogs, Tess and Garth.

Class Notes

Devil and Goat Notes

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The alumni office was only recently informed of the death of **Juliet Ware Parker** in November 1997. Our heartfelt condolences go to her family and friends.

1931

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The sad news of the death of Dr. Eileen Kramer Dodd was a rather emotional upset for the alumnae of MWC. To us Dr. Kramer was a first-class professor. Those of us who were students in her psychology classes were kept spellbound by her brilliant mind and her abilities in the classroom. Everyone paid rapt attention and was eager to keep "in step" mentally to render the answers to her most challenging questions. My last visit with Dr. Kramer Dodd was in Seacobeck Hall at our 65th reunion. We sat in the cafeteria. Her recall of student names from the Class of '31 was most astonishing. Surely, we all miss her, but she will never leave us.

You will notice I have a new address, and my new phone number is (732) 294-0602. When you have news you may call me collect, if you wish. I do need more news.

Incidentally, I love my new "digs." I have a two-bedroom apartment and a guestroom with private bath. Invitations to visit are open. If any of you wish to come by, I shall welcome you with a great deal of warmth.

Remember, in the last issue of Devils, I told you the story of **Felecia "Jersey" Feinswog** with whom I roomed as a freshman. She also lives here. It is just great seeing her. She is still "Jersey" to me. Be assured that she is just as popular here as she was on the MWC campus. We have dinner together four times a week. Surely you can easily guess the topic of most of our conversations at our Applewood Estates Retirement Community.

Anne Ratcliffe Webb sent me a most interesting letter with her lovely Christmas card. It is, in my opinion, a marvelous example of how the elderly, if they choose, can stay younger. The following is her letter:

"I missed you at our last Mary Washington homecoming. I had the pleasure of sharing a table with Dr. Eileen Kramer Dodd and **Irene Lundy Brown** '39. Each year the campus seems more beautiful.

"In June I lost my beloved Baxter, a black miniature poodle, who was 15 years old. In July I adopted Casey, a black toy poodle, who is very lively and quite loveable. Dogs are such wonderful companions.

"My time is well spent in fund raising for several organizations of which I am a member. This month my efforts are on a silent auction for the Soroptimist International of Alexandria. In September I hosted a yard sale in my driveway, and we made almost $900 for SIA. Other organizations that I am affiliated with are the League of Women Voters (they will meet at my home this week), The Mount Vernon Arts and Antiques Association, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of 1812, and Colonial Dames. I am serving as chaplain of my DAR chapter, and I do hope that I can finish my term so that I do not have to conduct my own memorial service! I am indeed fortunate to be able to be so active and maintain my own home — even have a live Christmas tree every year, as well as holiday and birthday dinners for family and friends. May your holiday be blessed with peace and joy."

Mabel McGuinniss Crismond and I have phone chats on occasion. Mabel and her sister love to travel. They are members of Elderhostel and take advantage of many of the trips offered.

If any of you have any information of the whereabouts of **Margaret "Skinny" Reinhardt** kindly let me know. She moved to a new address in Virginia Beach, but I can't get any answer to the phone number I have.

Again I must remind you to be generous to our Annual Fund. We have always had a good showing for the Class of '31. My love and best wishes to each of you.

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Vernie Blankinship Knight wrote that their apartment at the Goodwin House, Alexandria, is very homey, the food is excellent, and the service is very good. Their flower garden is four feet by eight feet and is so pretty. The whole area is a garden. Vernie is looking forward to our 65th reunion in 2001.

Mary Alice Turman Carper and her sister, **Lillie S. Turman**, have moved from Raleigh to Wilmington, N.C. Lillie has her own apartment in the health care area of the retirement home, Lake Shore Commons. Mary Alice has an apartment in the main area. They are very comfortably settled. Mary Alice wrote: "My thanks to you for keeping our diminishing class in touch. I pray all is well with you and yours and that you may find joy in each day."

Adelle Mansfield Goodwin wrote that her only sister died last December. Now she is the only leaf on her family tree. She is blessed to have the support of her four children and to have excellent care in the home where she lives.

Mary Frances Rowe Varner keeps up with the MWC news through reading *The Free Lance-Star*. "It is most impressive." Her grandson, Emory, is busy with school, soccer, basketball, viola and guitar.

Page Whitehead Hladky made four trips in 1998 to see her life-long friend in Annapolis. She also drove to Savannah and the Carolinas last fall and spent a weekend in Loudoun County with a niece. They were joined by her son, Stephen, and his family, who came from England for three weekends at Page's and spent two weeks traveling. Page's son, William, is flying most of the time. He spent Christmas with Page and his 6-year-old son. On Tuesdays and Fridays, Page works in a gift shop run by her former church. All proceeds go for outreach — a most rewarding work. On Saturdays she drives to Amherst, where she lived for 20 years.

Preston Brown Twigg and her husband go to Hutchinson Island, Fla., for three months every winter. The Silvertones, a group from her church in Matthews, sang at a meeting of the Prime-Timers in my church. The singing was great, with a Victorian theme. I found out that our church secretary has known Preston all her life!

Lillian Nordstrom Love now lives in a retirement area, Christian City, in Union City, Ga., near Atlanta. She has a nice apartment, and the area is pretty. It has been quite a change from the years spent living in Hampton. Her daughters, Anne and Peggy, were with her for Christmas.

Edna Harley Sickels sent me a card with two cardinals on it. She has sent me cardinal cards for years. "After all those years of living in south Florida, I had the exciting experience of seeing three snowflakes last week when a Pacific storm rushed through the desert. Two melted before landing," Edna wrote.

Ruby Lee Norris had a double bypass heart operation. She said, "I survived and am given a second chance." She will be on the MWC Board of Visitors until 2000. She enjoys her beautiful roses and irises and continues to write her gardening column. Ruby Lee attended the dedication of the new Stafford campus in August 1998. From our class, Ruby Lee and I attended the Peninsula, Tidewater and Colgate Darden area alumnae luncheon at the Ft. Monroe Officers' Club. The speaker was Dr. Bulent I. Atalay, professor of physics.

Audrey Rose Burton has had chemo and radiation and is so appreciative of the cards and notes classmates have sent her. "It's wonderful after all these years to hear from old friends."

She sounded good over the telephone.

I also phoned **Louise Jennings Creamer**. Her grandson, Jonathan Creamer, graduated from Boston College.

In a recent conversation with **Stewart Jones**, she told me that she belongs to and is involved in the work of Hartwood Presbyterian Church, a historic landmark built in 1858 located near her home. She also visits Hartwood Elementary School to impersonate historic Americans to the 10 sections of kindergarten/first-grade pupils. She says that she enjoys these contacts.

I have been a member of Second Presbyterian Church in Newport News for 73 years. We recently celebrated a very successful centennial. Eight of my family members were present.

Please keep in mind that our 65th reunion will be in 2001. **Frances Liebenow Armstrong** is planning special things for us.

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1939

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It came to pass, our 60th year since graduation reunion. For me, it was over too soon. There's something about the MWC campus, in spite of its impressive changes, new buildings and growth, that makes me feel that I still belong. To current students, my classmates and I may seem ancient history, but when I'm on the MWC campus, I feel that I am one of them.

In many ways, reunion was a memorable event. The weather was beautiful — not too hot or too cool. Students, staff and alumni alike were really friendly. I had several interesting conversations with people from other classes. One was the sister of my sister's closest college friend. Another was the daughter of my uncle's closest childhood friend. The activities were enjoyable. While some usual faces were missing (Dr. Alvey was not well enough to come on campus), the staff made impressive efforts to make us feel at home. Dr. Anderson, president of MWC, greeted each of us individually at his reception. I only wish that the Class of '39 had had a larger representation.

Because our group was small, we tended to stay together. We attended Dr. Crawley's excellent presentation on Jefferson and slavery. Shopping in the bookstore was fun for me. When I attended MWC, rarely could I afford anything I did not need, but during this trip to the bookstore, indulgently, I purchased sweatshirts and teddy bears wearing sweaters emblazoned with MWC for my grandchildren.

The most meaningful activity of all was participating in the oral history project underway at the College. Each of us answered many questions and shared our memories, especially of those activities or situations that no longer exist at MWC. The interviewers were amazed at some of our true stories of college life in 1935-39.

Our deepest sympathy to **Elnora Overley Johnson**, who lost her husband in April. Nevertheless, she attended the picnic and was there for our class picture. She continues to live in that lovely old home near Kenmore. You will recall that we were her guests during our 50th reunion.

Mary Williamson Bowles Hartley and I roomed together, giving us many opportunities to recall events and friends from our class. Mary, bright as always, delights in museum trips and art shows. **Jane Sinclair Diehl**, her college roommate for three years, is managing nicely after a recent knee replacement operation. She said she couldn't sit or stand for a long time, but, believe me, she kept up with the rest of us during the whole reunion. She and Mary Williamson had a lot of visiting time together.

Mary Brame Edwards brought a smock her mother had made for her to wear in home economics when she came to college. It is in perfect condition with embroidered rosebuds around the collar — a museum piece. We enjoyed seeing it and recalling those early college days.

Irene Lundy Brown has done it again. This time she has topped her earlier services and generosity to MWC by establishing a scholarship in her own name. We applaud you, Irene, and thank you for the many years of devoted service to the College.

I was sure that **Kathryn Nicholas Winslow** and **Ruby Mallory Gibson** would attend the reunion. I believe they have attended all of them. I knew that Kathryn had faced some rough going in the past few years, so if she had not been able to make it, I would not have been surprised. She did, and looked remarkably well and at ease. Ruby came for the Saturday events and brought pictures of her handsome grandson and his new baby that she had written about earlier.

Elizabeth Alexander Howdershell introduced us to her daughter, **Vera Howdershell Primm** '75. Vera is a vivacious wife and mother with a promising banking career. Elizabeth pursues many interests, including gardening and attending plays. I encouraged her to write about them.

Lydia Hilldrup Wingo Mahanas attended MWC with us for two years, began her teaching career and earned her degree by attending summer school. Because she received her diploma in '43, she was lost to us until she could convince the alumni office that she belonged to the class she entered with. We knew her as Hilldrup, but she goes by her first name now. At the reunion, she participated with the rest of us in all of the activities, and thus, we got to know her again.

Before reunion time, I heard from **Bernice "Whip" Whipple Crone** that she could not attend because of her husband's health. It is difficult for her to leave him for more than an hour or two. Also, I had a card from **Betty Boggs Peddrick** saying that she has moved to a lovely apartment in a retirement community. The tone of her note made me feel that she was pleased with her new home. Now, Betty, write to tell us about the activities you enjoy.

Virginia Cooley Stoner called to say that she and Aaron were celebrating their 58th anniversary while we were attending the reunion. Hearty congratulations and many happy returns of the day — that is the best reason I have heard for not attending the reunion. Virginia said her husband would retire in February. He has worked for 50 years in the home construction business. I hope he enjoys retirement as much as I do, and I hope Virginia enjoys Aaron's retirement as well.

Marian Timberlake Yobs had planned to attend the reunion with **Arcelle Coulbourn Collier** and **Beulah Mason Evans** '40, but Marian developed serious back problems, and Arcelle had work for her church that could not be delayed. With treatment, Marian feels that her back is better, but she still has a way to go to wellness.

The big mystery is: What happened to **Miriam Boyer Parsons**, who was registered for the reunion? We were told that she had picked up her packet, but we were never able to find her. Where were you, Miriam?

I'll be searching for mail from each one of you Devils before the 15th of January.

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We all want to thank **Arabelle Laws Arrington** for her wonderful gift-challenge. It did so much to increase last year's donations.

Josephine Ewing Balzer had a dreadful fall last winter when she went to Florida. She broke her hip in four places and gave her head quite a whack. Her husband, Dick, has sold their home in Virginia so that he can take an apartment near her. She'll live in Oak Village, Room 49, 1248 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073.

Lois Loehr Brown went to California to her grandson's graduation from Occidental College. She also visited her daughter and her granddaughter at the U. of Southern California. She and her roommate, Edith Patterson Breeden, had a great visit, after which she traveled to British Columbia to see friends.

A letter from Edith Patterson Breeden tells of her family's and her involvement with books. Her son, Keith, is a librarian. Daughter Diana manages a college bookstore, and she works three days a week sorting books for a hospital thrift store. She spent Christmas at her cabin among the pines at Donner Summit — beautiful country!

Eleanor Batschelet Smith keeps busy caring for her husband and enjoying her many grandchildren.

I'm fine — busy with second-graders two days a week, reading, and walking as much as I can with two fake knees. All is well!

1942

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From Gwendolyn:

"It was great and a once-in-a-lifetime thing" — **Virginia "Ginger" Bennett Skillman**'s comment on her drive in the Indy Parade (second only to the Rose Bowl Parade). A fire had burned most of the floats and not enough time to start over. Ginger had the right make car and convertible and was asked. That was in 1996.

On a sad note she has not been involved in much since she lost her "precious husband" of 52 years in 1997. Art was her MWC major. She used to paint a great deal; lately she has no desire to resume that. Her letter was a beautiful inspiration, including: "We must look and smell the roses along the way. Aren't those roses more beautiful and fascinating than ever?" Reminds us of the happy, cheerful Ginger, and she still is.

Esther Prochazka Bass wrote she has lived

on a small farm in Mosely, Va., for about 50 years, half that time as a widow. Now, she is a hospital volunteer, a docent at a historical home and is active in her church. Meantime, she has done much national and international traveling. She is busy, which is great.

Ruth Capen Hartmann has a home-based business selling herbal products and vitamins. She occasionally lectures. Husband Bill is retired from engineering and real estate, and they enjoy golf. While their last daughter and family were enjoying a great experience living in Alaska, Bill and Ruth spent three weeks touring with them in a large motor home.

Barbara Garges Woodworth lived a very active life when her husband was living. That included living in Bermuda a year and in Argentina four years (she was there when Evita died). They lived in New England and the West, and they toured the country and Canada in a motor home. Also, there were several European trips. Since living in Ambler, Pa., near her family, she takes care of a garden and plays tennis (doubles)! She has seen **Louise Lucas Carnell**, **Virginia Henderson McCann** and **Alice Parrish** (she can't recall her last name).

Evelyn Burks Brizendine and husband of 58 years recently retired. She has completed tracing the Brizendine name, which kept her busy. They have two great children. Daughter Bonnie lives in Richmond. Bonnie's son was married in St. Peter's Episcopal Church in New Kent County to a lovely girl in May 1997. This is the same church where Martha and George Washington were married. Their son is a medical doctor in Ohio.

Martha Tavenner Sutherland and her husband have moved into a retirement community in Culpeper. "The campus" is reminiscent of the beautiful MWC campus — even the buildings. Makes her feel at home. It is special that their daughter lives nearby. Their son and family live in Connecticut. Grandson is an avid ice hockey player and granddaughter loves school, especially Latin. Martha and hubby play golf as much as they can. She sees **Jayne Waugh Crigler** in Culpeper. Also sees her two suitemates, **Ruth Spradlin** and **Glade Burnette** occasionally.

As of May 1, 1999, our class has contributed $62,304 to the James Harvey Dodd Scholarship, which we established at our 50th reunion. Remember when you donate to MWC, mark your check for the James Harvey Dodd Scholarship.

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From Dorabelle:

In April **Hilda Holloway Law** and **Natalie Moore Spears** joined me at our 60th high-school reunion in Poquoson. We keep in close touch and are fortunate to live near each other. Hilda lives a very active life at Kingsmill in Williamsburg. She enjoys bird-watching with her husband, Dana, playing duplicate bridge, and her garden club activities. Natalie and Jack are active in their church and enjoy trips, especially to Nags Head, N.C., as well as to San Francisco to visit their son, Beake, who resides there.

In May **Virginia Johnson Kisner** called from her home in Martinsburg, W.Va., to give me the sad news that her friend and our classmate passed away early that morning. Our heartfelt condolences go to the family and friends of **Mary Wallace Farr**. She will be missed, especially at the class reunions. She attended many with Virginia.

There are quite a few of our classmates residing on the peninsula. I keep in close touch with Hilda, Natalie, **Mamie Stahle Allen** and **Bertha Dickinson Taylor**. Mamie is very busy, especially with her "card ministry." She delights in lighting up lives with her beautiful cards and personal notes. She is faithful to visit friends and neighbors with a gift of food or flowers when they are physically or otherwise indisposed. She and Lee, who still teaches at Thomas Nelson Community College, enjoy visits to their children's homes periodically. Mamie's two sons, Bill and Craig, live in the Richmond area, and Lee's daughter, Gail, and family are in Birmingham, Ala. Bertha is very active in her church and very generously gives of her time to present programs to church groups or clubs, where she portrays the various women of the Bible. She also enjoys singing with the Swinging Singers, a group of seniors from her church who give musical programs of various types. They are an inspiration to listen to and are so willing to accommodate when asked to sing.

I keep in touch with my dear friend and former roommate, **Beulah "Bea" Spain Harrison**. Bea has retired from singing in her church choir; however, she does enjoy playing the piano, attending her Bible study groups and visiting numerous friends. She is a joy to be around, and I know people are delighted to have her visit. She recently visited her daughter, Linda, in Huntington, W.Va.

In March I attended a luncheon at the Kiln Creek Country Club given by the Mary Washington College Foundation staff. It was very informative, and we were briefed on the development of the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, our new addition as a specialized school and a graduate school, and new happenings at MWC.

Through **Jean DeShazo Flemer** '44, I secured **Charlotte Hawthorne Cheatham's** address. I misplaced it when she and Curtis moved back to a private home in Richmond from a retirement community. I hope to hear from Charlotte soon. We had such fun preparing for our 50th reunion.

1944

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I would like to begin by thanking those who have served so well for the past five years. **Jayne Anderson Bell**, our class agent — she kept our interest alive by always asking questions we felt compelled to answer. I will follow Jayne as class agent and will also beg you for news. My address and e-mail are above and my phone number is (301) 424-9413. I received a note from Jayne asking me to include this brief message from her in our class notes: "Thanks to all of you '44ers who kept the news flowing to me while I served as class agent. Thanks especially to **Nettie Evans Lawrey**, who is now filling the position of class agent. I ask that you please give Nettie the cooperation you have always extended to me. What a great group you are!"

We also send many thanks to our reunion coordinator, **Jane Brownley Thomas**; our booklet editor, **Edith Mays Thomas**; and our fund chairman, **Nancy Duval Andrews**. You must find a way to look at the '44 booklet. It is a thing of beauty. I'll loan mine if you promise to send it back. Nancy set a goal of $250,000 for our scholarship fund. We met the challenge and even surpassed it by $4.00. Nancy read us a touching letter of thanks from the young man to whom we gave our first scholarship. Congratulations to all of you contributors. Our officers for our 60th reunion in 2004 are: reunion coordinators, **Christine Vassar Crute** and **Jean DeShazo Flemer**; reunion booklet, **Edith Mays Thomas** and Nettie Evans Lawrey. At our class meeting it was announced that **Elizabeth "Libby" Phillips Roe** and her husband, Bill, have contributed a $100,000 annuity fund to MWC in memory of their parents. Thank you, Libby and Bill! We had fewer returning for our 55th, with around 30 classmates and eight or nine husbands in attendance. We had a wonderful time. It was truly great to be together again.

Jean DeShazo Flemer's granddaughter, Jamie Campbell and her friend, Kip Nguyen, helped with our great buffet Friday night. They are students at Johnson & Wales U. Culinary School in Norfolk, Va. For dessert, they brought in a huge cake shaped like our reunion year, 55. The icing was white and blue, our MWC colors. It was beautiful! Our class was together for breakfasts and dinners — so, we could talk even more. And we did!

Leah Fleet Waller wrote that she and husband "T" have moved into a retirement facility in Richmond, and they love it. She said, "As I was walking from Virginia to Ball, I recalled the bucket brigade we formed during the flood. You don't easily forget things like that. It was good to get back and see some survivors like myself." Nancy Duval Andrews reported that **Rebecca Engleman Russell** called her and apologized for not coming to our reunion, but said her husband, Edwin, had died about a month ago. We were sorry to hear the news. He had suffered a stroke in September 1997. From Jane Brownley Thomas: "Once again the Class of '44 has come through — a simply marvelous reunion. My older son, Ed, drove me, as I have a foot injury. Everyone looked great. Only wish more could have been there. Really enjoyed our reunion. It was oodles of fun" — from **Tommy Strong Morris** and **Josephine Potts Coleman**. **Jean Adie Mogavero** was driven to MWC by her daughter, Susan, who met people who, until now, had been only names. Fifty-five years have gone by all too quickly. It was so nice to meet Susan. Hope to see her again at our 60th.

Marjorie Hudson Denny wrote, "We left the farm with our children, two girls, one boy, and four grandsons (bragging) and let them have the problems. It is great seeing long-ago friends. Seems like no time has passed. It's great!" **Dot Drake Grohusen** sends her love and best wishes to the Class of '44. She had anticipated attending the reunion, but due to family conflicts, she was unable to come. She and her husband planned a bus trip out West in June 1999. **Dorothy Woodson Baber** was also unable to attend — health reasons and moving from her home of 25 years in Ivy, Va., to a townhouse in Charlottesville. She said, "I'll forego the fun now and count on miracles for the big 60!"

Louise "Bitsy" Cook Cabot attended our reunion for the first time since graduation. She was pleased to remember, and be remembered by, her classmates. She thought that while the campus is much larger, it is still very beautiful. She found when taking a walking tour of the campus that our guide had just graduated from a high school in Springfield, Va., where Bitsy's daughter teaches. Some of her memories were:

Mrs. Bushnell's weekly "current events" as the girls sat on the floor of Virginia Hall on Monday evenings, being chosen by an upperclassman hostess to sit at her table for lunch and dinner all year, having to wear hose to dinner, and having Dr. Shankle call you to the blackboard to diagram a sentence and this would be your entire exam grade. In closing, she said, "The weekend has been such fun, I plan to do this every 55 years!" I expect to see her for our 60th.

Jannie Ornstein Rood wrote that she was unable to join us, but it would "really be fun to see all those gray heads and young faces." **Ruth Samuel Legnini** wrote that her husband has had several hospitalizations since November '98, but is now eating and exercising. "It is a gift to celebrate his 85th birthday in May 1999." She said she would be thinking of us at our reunion with great love and happy memories of past reunions and college life. **Carolyn Watts Quigley** and her husband, Quig, attended our 55th, and they will be attending his 50th reunion at the seminary in September '99. So they will be back in this area twice in a matter of a few months. They intend to "do all the going we can, plus the fact that young grandchildren live in the D.C. area, so we can see them at the same time."

Marilynn Price Heady and Len left after the reunion for New York for summer and fall 1999. Marilynn said she was eager to see her family again. She saw the grandchildren earlier for 10 days but is looking forward to seeing all the others now. **Lois Webber Jackson** wrote that she would love to be at the reunion but "is stuck in Massachusetts." She said, "If only I could close my eyes and wake in Fredericksburg."

Henriette Ornstein wrote that she had very good memories of MWC and especially of her roommates and friends, **Helen Buckley McKinney**, **Ruth Burdick** and **Anne Green Saus**. However, she doesn't think she can travel all the way from Holland to Fredericksburg in 1999. **Frances Tracy** has retired from the missionary field after 37 years, most of that time in Guyana. She took a trip back there in December 1998 and said she immediately felt the familiarity — like tucking a mosquito net around her in bed and crawling around with a flashlight and alarm clock. I have a wonderful long letter from her. It would be a shame to condense it for this article, but I'd be happy to send copies to anyone who wants to read it. It is really fascinating. Frances now lives in Willow Street, Pa. **Joyce Davis Pillow** had planned to come to the 55th. Her daughter was to meet her and bring her to Fredericksburg, but, due to illness, she regretfully cancelled her reservation. **Gini Morgan Kline** came from Alexandria, Va. She walked into the lobby "to some big smiles from Nancy Duval Andrews and Jane Brownley Thomas. Wonderful sunny weather to greet all my classmates. It was really a well-planned and happy weekend."

It was great to see three of my roommates at the reunion: **Nancy Gravatt Tucker** and **Virginia Hawley Butler** drove together, Nancy from Kenbridge, Va., and Virginia from Blacksburg. **Anna Austin Roberts Ware**'s daughter drove her to MWC from Sudlersville, Md., on Saturday for the day. All of us had a great picnic lunch together and then attended the Class of '44 meeting. So, the class is still alive and kicking. In 2004 let us all make an effort to get to MWC for our 60th reunion. God bless all of you.

1945

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From **Frances Watts Barker**:

It saddens me to write about the deaths of two of our most respected and beloved 1945 classmates. **Virginia "Jinny" Gunn Blanton** and **Mary "Dos" Doswell Simpson** were proud and loyal alumni of Mary Washington College. They attended all the '45 class reunions. Jinny was our class agent for many years. I was privileged to be Jinny's roommate and Mary's suitemate during our years at MWC. Both Jinny and Mary exemplified the admirable qualities of honesty, integrity, and loyalty; their characters were impeccable; and they each displayed a great sense of humor. For many years, their respective communities, Richmond and Danville, benefited from their volunteer work, sharing time and talents with people less fortunate. The sudden deaths of Jinny in October 1998 and Mary in November 1998 were a shock and make a void in our circle of college friends. Jinny and Mary were positive influences on many people and are deeply missed. Their imprints on family, friends and community will long remain. Two sons, a daughter, and eight grandchildren survive Jinny. One son, a daughter, and four grandchildren survive Mary.

With lasting memories of all our classmates who have passed away, the spirit of the Class of '45 will live on. I look forward to our 55th reunion in the year 2000 and hope to see many of my classmates.

1946

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Elizabeth Stallings Sharpe wrote that she continues her volunteer work with senior adults. She arranges trips to local plays and serves as membership chairperson. She also works in a thrift shop whose proceeds are used for college scholarships.

Purnell and **Betty Lou Loftis Bailey** returned to Paris, where they spent their honeymoon, to celebrate their wedding anniversary. Betty Lou was elected president of resident council of Chancellor's Village in Fredericksburg, where they have lived since 1997.

Two classmates wrote of their 50th anniversary celebrations. **Mary E. Davidson White** and husband celebrated in June 1997. Attending were **Rosemary Sheehan Enright** and husband Bob, who celebrated their 50th in 1996. Mary also reported how fortunate they have been in life. They have traveled to Mexico, Hawaii, Alaska, England, Scotland, and Italy and across the United States.

Ora Elena Robinson Bonham from Chilhowie, Va., and husband celebrated their 50th at a large family gathering at the beach and a great trip to Alaska.

Kate Parker Hughes and husband George visited Tucson, Ariz., and Copper Canyon, Mexico. They have just returned from a trip to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. She wrote how nice it was to read the '46 news in *MWC Today*.

Jane Hockenberry Holden is happy to return to good health after a life-threatening operation. She spent three months at the beach in New Jersey. She also plans to attend her grandson's graduation from Permian College in California. She and her husband, George, play golf as often as possible.

Dorothy "Dee" Myers Hildreth and her husband, of Echo Hollow Farm in Montana, Pa., have just returned from sailing with their son and daughter-in-law on their charter boat in the British Virgin Islands.

Lynn Bennett Blackwell loves to take cruises. Her last one was to Cancun, Mexico. She said it was quite different from Acapulco. She visited with **Doris Welch Burton** when she was near her in Florida.

Celene Young Cornette had very exciting news — she has a grandson, Ryan Reeves, enrolled at MWC as a pre-med student. Her daughter, **Susan**, Ryan's mother, attended MWC from 1966-68, taking pre-pharmacy and then finishing at MCV. Three generations at MWC — that's pretty fantastic.

Beverley Beadles Jackson in Richmond is looking forward to 2001, when we have our 55th reunion. In the meantime, she and Barnett are enjoying their twin grandchildren, Gina and Alex. They also have a grandson, Thomas, 9.

I received a beautiful letter from **Janice Worsley Mayberry**, written in calligraphy, about the last great visit she and **Betty Atkins Powers** had together. Sadly, Betty died in August 1998. They had been best friends from the time they were in grammar school. Janice sent a glowing obituary published in Betty's hometown.

Janice went on to tell about a three-week tour of Europe in September. She visited Zurich, where her pen pal since the 1950s lives. They met for the first time and had three days together. She always looks forward to our news.

"Sally" Heritage Jordan received a thank-you note from Kim May, who received the Class of '46 scholarship in 1998. She was most grateful for the assistance.

Please send some news!

1947

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Hello! Not much news this time.

Keep in mind that *MWC Today* publishes class notes on an odd-year/even-year schedule. All classes are represented in the fall issue, even years in the winter issue, and odd years in the summer issue. Deadlines are three months in advance.

Please help me spread the news of our classmates by dropping me a note before our next deadline, which is January 15 for the summer 2000 edition of the magazine.

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Caudill Lewis Johns, retired from working with emotionally disturbed high-school children, now works with special students at Brunswick Academy one day a week. She planned to attend a summer family reunion in Kentucky. Caudill has five grandchildren, including a new granddaughter adopted in Russia. Her three sons live in the Richmond area, two teachers and one preacher. Through Caudill's efforts, we determined that one of the unsigned questionnaires that I received must belong to **Virginia Spickard Manson**, who came to the 50th reunion but had to leave on Saturday before the class meeting. Virginia has retired from teaching art, and since then has done pen-and-ink drawings of the churches in Brunswick County, Va. Each week she drives to Roanoke to visit her mother, who is 102 years old! Her son, Paul, pastors a church in LaMesa, Calif., having received his sixth degree, a master's in theology, from Princeton.

Her daughter and family are in the mission field in the Near East, but will return home shortly to deliver her fourth child. Son John is director of student activities at Bridgewater College.

I sent the second unsigned questionnaire to **Rosemary Westerman Butterworth** hoping she could do a little detective work for me, but it proved fruitless. I am sorry I cannot tell you exactly who in the Hopewell, Va., area is enjoying her master gardening, is president of the Dinwiddie Retired Teacher's Association, and is active in her Concord Methodist Church at Stony Creek, Va.

I wish that I had the travel schedule of **Peggy Tuck Middleton**, who has recently returned from a Panama Canal cruise which included San Juan and Acapulco, who was headed for the Canadian Rockies in June, and who will go to Bangkok and Hong Kong in November! Peggy is finding retirement to be wonderful and now has time for grandchildren, reading, duplicate bridge and traveling.

Still active with her altar guild, garden club and various volunteer groups, **Mabs Royar Loflin** has recently returned from a lovely vacation at St. George Island, Fla. She was planning to go with her husband to San Antonio in July for a dental meeting and is heading to Honolulu in October. Mabs has another new granddaughter. The mother, **Sarah**, is also an MWC alumna.

Bobbie Ann Hough McConnell loves the day the school magazine arrives, as she can catch up on everybody. She had a wonderful time at reunion. Recently she heard Dr. Robert Ballard, who was featured in the winter 1999 *MWC Today*, and also read an interesting article in a Hartford newspaper about Ralph Nader which mentioned a recent speech he had made at MWC. She felt quite proud that MWC is developing such a nice reputation.

Helen Singleton Darfus has found that health problems have required a change in lifestyle, so she planned to move this fall to Natchitoches, La., her son's hometown. She hopes to meet with **Muriel Harmon Lake** in South Carolina or Florida soon. Helen's most recent grandchild, born in Salt Lake City, is the reason she did not get to our reunion.

An interesting excursion took place in Muriel Harmon Lake's family when nine cousins toured all of Germany and Austria with a group, but extended their stay to include a visit to Unterhausen and Urach, where they had traced their ancestors back to the 1500s. Next, she scheduled a family vacation for 18 for a week at Myrtle Beach this past summer. She also attended many parties and showers prior to the marriage of her oldest grandson last spring.

Gene Watkins Covington is still teaching piano and voice. She has cruised the Mediterranean, and this past summer she planned to go to the West and British Columbia. Also last summer, she celebrated with her husband their 50th anniversary. They spent a wonderful weekend with Jake and **Ashby Griffin Mitchell** last winter in Culpeper. Gene has three grandchildren, one of whom was born during MWC reunion weekend, which is why she could not join us.

Still a very busy lady, **Anne Barnes Baugh** continues to work one day a week at the White House answering mail for the President. She has joined the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia and, after a training course, is teaching English to two students, one from Pakistan and one from Ethiopia. After a month-long trip to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji with **Betsy Robertson** in late 1998, Anne was planning for a family reunion at the beach during the summer and a cruise to the Greek Isles in October. Betsy wrote to comment on a wonderful trip with Barnes, and said that she planned to be in Rhode Island visiting her sister last February. Also, she wrote that **Ellen Dyer Davis**' son, Jeff, was getting married in spring.

Jeanne Shadwell Mangano was not on hand to receive the Award for Most Grandchildren (18 then, 19 now!) because she was sick. She stayed in her room and unfortunately missed this important recognition!

Laura Wright Nottingham had a trip to Cancun in February. She has signed up to substitute in the local schools. Her Christmas was one to remember — the ice storm did not damage her house or garage, but there were many limbs to clear away and no electricity for 24 hours!

Mildred Reed Thomas enjoys reading the news from and about everyone, but sent none about herself. A trip to Alaska was in the works for **Barbara Longaker Yowell** and husband in August to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. She is doing volunteer work in classrooms.

The year 2000 is the golden anniversary year for **Byrd Stone Helguera** and her husband, so they are beginning to consider some possible ways to celebrate. Last October she was in South America. Byrd is a busy volunteer in hospice, Nashville CARES, and AIDS-related projects. She is also on the board of the Vanderbilt Woman's Club. Furthermore, she has just joined a group of Dixieland enthusiasts who attend regular Sunday performances of a local jazz band.

Martha Warriner Dodson had a marvelous two weeks in England last spring and then 10 days in New Orleans. She and **Mary Bondurant Stevens** visited Aiken, S.C., last January to visit their roommate, **Jean Downing Reynolds**, who had been ill. Jean was able to be up and about with them while they were there, so they were very glad they had gone. Jean died not many months later.

Researching her family genealogy has become a project for **Virginia Wilson Monroe**. She planned to go to Nova Scotia last summer for more of the same. She is a hiker in the mountains of Tennessee, a busy grandmother, a volunteer in her church with the Stephen Ministry, a church elder for the fifth time, and she volunteers with Senior Care and Habitat for Humanity thrift store.

Elva Welday Newdome enclosed a beautiful picture of her daughter and the groom at their wedding reception at Paradise Island, the Bahamas. The families were treated to flights down and villas for five days. The bride is the acting associate concertmaster of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Elva continues to give private violin lessons to 20 pupils, kindergarten through high school, as well as to a group of senior violinists!

If her knee joint operation is as successful as she expects, **Marian Messersmith Snider** plans a trip to the wine country around the Finger Lakes in New York this fall. Marian had a letter from **Adrienne Murray Dyett**, who wrote that she had badly sprained her ankle, followed by a hand operation which was not mending as quickly as she had hoped. Marian wrote that there was more flooding than ever before seen in her town of Lancaster, Ohio, with much snow and ice, followed by more snow on top of that. A second note from her included a clipping from the Columbus, Ohio, newspaper regarding MWC's participation in the Ohio State Invitational for synchronized swimming. We fared better than William and Mary and several other colleges!

Nina Giera Schmidt has been working hard at her fitness center, lifting weights and using aerobic machines three times a week. She had a wonderful trip to the West Coast to visit family and friends. Last summer she hoped to explore the mountains in North Carolina with an eye to rent or buy. She continues to excel in her golf game, knocking off two "youngsters," ages 28 and 40. She and Don are now full-time residents of Florida.

Alice Fairbrother Myers was on a cruise in the Caribbean during the storm of '98. Hurricane Mitch followed the ship, making the ocean rough and many crew members and passengers seasick. Still, she went on another cruise in February to the Bahamas and Key West to celebrate her 55th high-school class reunion. She also planned a trip to the Republic of Panama and a Panama Canal Society reunion in July in Orlando, Fla. Alice has heard from **Helen Eliason Lowe**, who reported that her husband is not well. Alice's ninth grandchild was expected last spring.

Melanie Norris Steane lives in Sanibel, Fla., and is vice-president of H.W. Steane Company. She travels often, especially between Sanibel and her hotel, Rocktide Inn, in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Of her nine grandchildren, four have graduated from college, two are in college now, one is in boarding school, and two are in country day-schools.

Spring '99 found **Lois Blake Tankersley** in the Netherlands, Belgium and France on a waterway cruise. Lois is the medical records department manager at the Nemours Children's Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla. I have heard that **Ruth Lawless Harwood** in Bethesda, Md., has recently been to Costa Rica and travels widely, as her daughter is with an airline.

Valencia Sunday Hoover has already planned for the millennium, as Ocean City, where she lives, is planning its own party to celebrate. In the meantime, as a group trip organizer, she was planning a trip to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji in October, and in the recent past had a two-week cruise to Alaska and a Mediterranean cruise. She plans and takes many bus trips, but one of the most memorable was a 33-day tour across the country with 10 of her retired friends. As a retiree and volunteer, she enjoys fishing, boating and crabbing with her three grandchildren.

As editorial director and co-publisher of Bridge Works, a small independent publishing house, **Barbara Thomas Phillips** is into her fourth career, so far. She edits manuscripts, plays tennis, and her plans for the millennium are "to keep on moving." She has no international trips planned this year but many within the continental U.S. She had fully intended to attend our 50th, but the death of dear friend **Penny Quillen McGiffin** caused her to hesitate. Penny, as many of you know, died after a 15-year battle with cancer. As Barbara wrote, "Her death devastated her family and friends, who always leaned on her as a strong counselor and a sympathetic, funny mother, wife and friend. It has also caused me to think of my own mortality, and appreciate the years I've had with my husband, three children and one grandchild. I think we've been blessed."

Busy as a volunteer, hospital trustee, and involved in community affairs, **Jane Howard Patrick** has just returned from a vacation in Sanibel, Fla. She planned a trip to Eastern Europe in May. She sold her home and bed-and-breakfast business so is free to go when she likes. She loves to travel, but in the summer she stays in Cooperstown, N.Y., as there is the wonderful Lake Otsego as well as a good opera season.

Besides the usual week at Pawley's Island, S.C., with family, **Betty Bennett Ferguson** travels to Atlanta, Lexington and Cincinnati to see her seven grandchildren. She and Dick also planned to join a Scandinavian cruise in June on

the Royal Carnival's *Splendour of the Seas*, highlighted by a stop in St. Petersburg, Russia. Tornadoes were prevalent in Tennessee last winter, and the Fergusons spent several nights hovering in their basement. When they are above ground, they are enrolled in a microcomputer class.

Whickey Whitley Knight will probably stay near home for the millennium — there will be great festivities in the Greenbrier. She was in Nantucket last summer, after a winter of croquet in Florida — she insists she rarely wins! Whickey does much volunteer work in West Virginia, including counseling for Red Cross mental health, library and state arts council. Her first grandchild will enter college in fall '99.

In March **Sylvia Sheaks Moore** was in Costa Rica on safari with her elder daughter. She has sold her home of 50 years and will be living with this daughter in Maine until her condo in a retirement community in Harrisonburg, Va., is completed.

Ruth Sargent Campbell braved ice and snow last winter to attend her oldest grandchild's wedding in Maryland. She and her husband have a 46-acre farm in New Hampshire, which they plan to turn into a tree farm. They still commute between Florida and New Hampshire and travel widely in the United States.

Still active in things artistic, **Glenna "Sandy" Graves Shiflett** attended a college art association meeting in Los Angeles in February. She had planned to get together with **Sarah Armstrong Worman**, but Sandy contracted a terrible flu bug, which knocked her out in the very comfortable surroundings of the Biltmore Hotel. Not only did she miss seeing Sarah and savoring the luxuries of the hotel, but she also missed the reception at the Getty, the Los Angeles Museum, the Van Gogh show, and about everything else. Her attitude — *c'est la vie*.

Since Bob passed gently at home in December 1998, **Lois Saunier Hornsby** has been busy regrouping, continuing work with the William & Mary campus ministers and as a volunteer for Williamsburg's 300th anniversary, planning programs and publications. She visits her son, John, and family in Charlottesville, will be going with son Bob and family to hear son Bruce and family in concerts, and also plans a jaunt to Alexandria to see a grandson graduate from Episcopal High.

Sarah Armstrong Worman needed a little heart repair, so dear friend **Carol Byrd Williamson** flew to L.A. to be with her and help husband Ho with the cooking. The day of Sarah's procedure, Byrd fell on a gumball, broke her kneecap and ended up in a cast, ankle to groin, for six weeks, too ungainly to get on a plane. But what wonderful attitudes they have! They called me, laughing, though it surely is not funny. Sarah is getting along fine, but of course is not yet 100 percent.

Jane Jordan Kimball in Spartanburg, S.C., travels a lot and is very active in the Elderhostel program. She was planning to go to both Italy and Thailand this September. She was eager to attend the Elderhostel program at MWC this past summer, as it would give her an opportunity to see all the changes in the campus. While there, she hoped to contact **Bobbie D'Armond Rodier.** Jane wrote that they enjoy their mini-farm and two horses.

With one son in Germany, another in Arizona, and a Navy son moving every two years, as well as a daughter in Texas, **Jeanne Reifsnyder Wiseman** and her husband do a lot of traveling to keep up with their family. They have seven grandchildren who enjoy visiting the grandparents and sitting by their pool.

Jean Quillen St. Martin is working hard at retirement, visiting, clubbing and helping with cancer survivors. Her children live in Baton Rouge, Washington, D.C., and Atlanta, so she travels a lot. Her son-in-law was the commander of the shuttle launch in May. Jean saw **Betty Meade Thornton** and husband at a Kingsport Symphony concert recently. Betty had recently returned from San Juan.

Neville Gibson Mauck and Laurence spent time last summer at their place on the Outer Banks. They sold their river home in Richmond and moved into their new home in New Kent County, just in time for the ice storm to strike out their power for one week at Christmas. However, they discovered that life at a motel isn't all that bad. Nevi recently had lunch with **Betty Savage Stephens**, **Jane Towles Rowe Castles**, and **Bev Payne Thompson**. I recently saw Towlsie in Richmond — she still lives in Fredericksburg, where she and her husband have a cattle farm. She could still be on the May Court!

Justine Edwards Borland and David attended the Philadelphia Flower Show, which, in her words, was "lovely, but I don't need to go again — been there, done that." **Geraldine "Jerry" White** flew with **Lorraine Mock** to Acapulco in January. There they boarded the *Sun Princess* to cruise the Caribbean and through the Panama Canal. All was great until they returned home, at which point Jerry got the flu and Lorraine fell and had to have a hip replacement.

We saw **Ashby Griffin Mitchell** and Jake at a Culpeper event. Ashby expected to join her two children and their families in Kiawah, S.C., last spring. Her Martha, incidentally, was the leading franchisee in the U.S. (first of 250) for Computertots.

Nancy Salisbury Ellis, who sells real estate and specializes in farmland, was anticipating summer sweet corn season on the farm. That means an early morning experience from early July to mid-September, working with teen-agers (usually their first jobs) and adults. Nancy visited **Bette Cox Yale** in Havre de Grace last year. Nancy's four granddaughters range in age from 12 to 22. **Joyce Wrenn Warren**'s grandson graduated from U.Va. this year. Joyce has a lot of short trips pending.

Mary John Moore Payne, just back from two weeks in Panama, is planning a trip to Rome in November. Her summer plans included enjoying their boat and fishing. Doing volunteer work and enjoying her husband's retirement, **Alice Murray Chapman** was planning a bus tour to Branson, Mo., last spring and another trip to see her son and his family in Kansas City. She has successfully recovered from a bout with ovarian cancer after a six-month treatment of chemo.

Norvell Millner Hodges has retired again, this time from six years as docent of Stratford Hall Plantation, Robert E. Lee's home in Westmoreland County. She volunteers with the ESL program, working with Mexicans. She is happily engaged in many activities, has a lovely social life, and is still trying to sell her house on the river so she can get on with the next chapter in her "book of life."

When their oldest daughter asked **Nancy Kauffman Cotton** and her husband if they wanted a reception for their 50th anniversary in July or to have fun, they chose to have fun — at an Indiana lake where all four of their children and their families could also have fun.

Ann Gregg Woods journeyed to Chicago for a wonderful art and architecture tour sponsored by the Virginia Museum Council. Highlight: Art Institute and the Sara Lee Corporate Art Collection. She found Chicago to be a beautiful, clean city and is ready to go back. Instead, she was next heading to Charleston, S.C., to see the spring gardens. Anne lunched with **Becky Fristoe Goode** and her husband.

Jake Kilonis kindly wrote a short note to explain that **Isabelle Cladakis Kilonis** is in a nursing home suffering from Alzheimer's.

As an account representative for nutritional medicine, **Alice "Cass" Cassriel Whitman** still finds time to travel to Las Vegas, an hour's flight from home, and to Chicago for big family events, such as a graduation and a grandson's wedding. She is tentatively planning a trip to Israel with her husband for their 40th anniversary. She stays in touch with **Ann Scott** of New York City and Charlie Beale, who keeps them both informed of the health of his wife, **Lunette Harris Beale**.

Becky Grigg Chaney, formerly of Los Angeles and pay-TV, 20th Century Fox, and Filmagic, lives now as a widow in Greensboro, where she is fully enjoying retirement after 10 years with Guilford Technical Community College. Her children live in L.A. and San Diego. Becky, active in computer clubs, has downsized from her home to a townhouse.

Jean MacLean Whiteker, in Stockton, Calif., recounted a number of interesting trips she and husband Roy have taken through the years. They have had 11 cruises, the next-to-last being a five-day cruise on the Yangtze followed last winter by a 10-day cruise to Turkey, Israel and Greece. Roy is a retired dean at the U. of the Pacific.

Still volunteering as a cuddler in the newborn nursery, **Vivian Adams Griffith** has three blue-eyed granddaughters and three brown-eyed grandboys. **Anne Williams Cordes**'s plans for the summer included a lot of visits from her grandchildren.

Pat Maguire Bilodeau took her second trip in 1998 to St. Maarten's in the Caribbean. Pat acquired two master's degrees after she left MWC, in psychology and education. She and Ken are both retired, travel widely, and have been to all seven continents. They still want to visit Egypt or India, perhaps this year. She is an avid cook, gardener and reader.

I am about to leave for a baby-sitting stint in Manhattan while my daughter and husband go to Zurich to celebrate his 50th birthday. I hope to see Ann Scott while I am there. We had plans to meet once before, but a case of chickenpox on the part of the #1 sitter (I am #2) canceled all plans. I went to Provence in May with a U.Va. alumni abroad group, and in July my husband and I rented "our" manor house at the foot of the Downs in southern England for a month.

It is rewarding for me to read about the directions all of our lives have taken, to receive your enthusiastic responses, and to know that so many of us are keeping in touch with each other.

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(Ed. Note: Please see main Reunion '99 article for most of the 1949 Class Notes.)

We were delighted to see at reunion **Nan Cook Ferebee Bond**, who had been able to come at the last minute accompanied by her husband, Tom. Both of them have had severe health problems in the last several years but are on the way back to good health. Nan was beaming, both

to be back in touch again and because she'd just learned that Tom and their daughter had conspired for Nan and Tom to stay the night at a motel where many other classmates were staying. Their daughter secretly had packed an overnight bag in case they felt like staying!

Immediately after the picnic, our class party was held in Ball parlor to accommodate our large number and to provide a piano for **Betty Bond Heller Nichols** to lead us in song. **Andi Dulany Lyons** read the names of our 46 classmates known deceased, an emotional moment for us, while Betty Bond softly played. Everyone then sang "We'll Meet Again," our theme song for the entire weekend.

As reunion coordinator, **Ann Michael Sturgeon** conducted the party. She gave special recognition and MWC momentos to **Jeanne Farrington Leslie**, as the classmate having the most grands (15); to **Libby Phelps Beard** and **Kate Mayo Schmidt**, both of whom, with spouses, traveled farthest to be with us (from Houston); to **Chot Baylis Rexon**; **Dotty Booker Pinkham**; Betty Bond Heller Nichols and **Jane Yeatman Spangler**, the Forever Friends, who have attended the most reunions (10, or all!); to **June Davis McCormick** and Andi Dulany Lyons, co-class agents; and to Kate Mayo Schmidt, reunion booklet editor. Incidentally, June, Andi and Kate re-upped for the next five years, God willing.

Our memorabilia table was well-filled with all kinds of goodies, everything from a freshman beanie to a class ring and pin, and many items representing the years in-between. Many thanks to all who brought their treasured keepsakes. As an added surprise, Andi graciously brought a copy of her newly published Bunny Rabbit book for each classmate!

Having decked both halls with special 50th reunion decorations and the ubiquitous Fabulous Forty-Niner balloons for everyone, June presented personalized "golden memories" on behalf of the entire class to Ann, for her coordinating efforts; to Andi, the other half of "boffus;" to **Anne "Miami" McCaskill Libis** for her 25 years of solo service as class agent; and to Betty Bond for generously giving of her musical talents all these years (54) and without whom no reunion would be complete.

It was our combined class effort to commemorate our 50th through our contributions that allowed us to earn honored status during reunion weekend. Large or small, 56 percent of our class cared enough to help us attain our goals. Whether you attained recognition through the Blue and White Club or President's Council, on behalf of the class and our College, bless you all!

As this is the issue for all classes, we weren't permitted to list everyone attending reunion, but we must make mention of two classmates who, among others, returned for the very first time — **Corrine "Conni" Conley Stuart** and **Martha Gene Randall Carson**, our celebrity actresses of stage, screen, radio and TV finally came back. Conni was a bit hesitant about coming, as she was afraid she wouldn't know anyone. That lasted about five minutes; everyone greeted her with open arms. We enjoyed catching up with her and news of her room- and suitemates, who also have started having mini-reunions at each others homes or vacation spots. Martha Gene's decision to return came so late, she didn't have time to get a bio in the reunion booklet, but we'll make up for that, and others, in our next class notes. We were so happy to see them, and they both look great!

Barbara Watson Barden is not allowed to tap yet, since her knees have suffered some damage, but she did a few modern dance swirls in spite of herself.

Finally, the Fabulous Forty-Niners are MWC's new Golden Girls and, as Betty Bond succinctly put it, "We're still cute!" Love and thanks from boffus.

1950

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In just one year from when I am writing this, we will be having our 50th reunion. I hope many of you are planning to attend, especially those who have not been back for a number of years.

It is always good to receive news. **Billie Mitchell Hanes** and Dick in Virginia Beach are still happily engaged in their business projects and responsibilities with no sign of retirement in sight. Billie said that **Barbara Booker Palmer** and Al sold their condo at the beach and have returned to Naples, Fla., to live year 'round. Billie will miss Barbara and the gab-fest luncheons they frequently had with **Martha Carr Huddleston**, who also lives in Virginia Beach. Martha loves to travel to Phoenix to visit her new granddaughter and to Northern Virginia to see her 3-year-old grandson.

I heard from several of our Pennsylvania residents. **Mary Mount Lind** and Dick, who are in Bethlehem, enjoy visiting her sister, **Sally** '51, and family in Chandler, Ariz. When they drive to Florida, they stop and spend the night with **Ann Wrigley** in Alexandria, Va., and Ann has visited them in the summer. **Barbara Lloyd Hiller** and Jim are in State College. Daughter Mary is in Shermanstown, Pa., and Sue and family are in Indiana. In March '98 **Barbara Birkenmeyer Mader** and Bill of Warren, Pa., boarded the *Crown Princess* for a 10-day Panama Canal cruise — a dream come true. They continue to enjoy the summer playhouse series in Warren, travel to Nags Head in September, stopping to see their daughter in D.C. on their way home, and they visit their son and family in Wisconsin for Thanksgiving. Bobbie is still busy with her real estate appraisal business, and Bill is active in volunteering — literacy council, helping at senior center, etc.

Two of our classmates are in Vermont: **Jean Sprower Hampton** lives in Middlebury, and **Kay Venezio Boffa** is in So. Burlington. The nice thing is that they have been getting together frequently. They both volunteer at the historic Shelburne Museum and often team together for special assignments, and they especially enjoy reminiscing about MWC.

Garland Estes McCarthy of Humble, Texas, reports there were no golf trophies earned in '98 as she broke her wrist in June. And in San Pedro, Calif., **Mary Cottingham Hardy** may have to give up tennis as her hip has been giving her trouble. But she still keeps busy with her family, church and volunteer activities. In September '98, she drove with her sister and niece to Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam and Las Vegas. She also had two trips to South Carolina and great beach reunions with family and friends. **Betty Gavett Breeden** and Joe are pleased that they made their move to San Diego. The end of '97 and the year 1998 saw them with some health problems, but they are doing well and enjoy being near their families and attending the church in which they were married. Betty is a deacon and is still "ding-a-linging" in the bell choirs. **Rachel Nickey Morgenthaler** and Skip are pleased that they moved to an apartment near Baltimore, even though the process was a chore at the time. Now they are free to travel, visit their daughter in Milwaukee and spend time with grandchildren in Houston. They winter in St. Petersburg. Rachel has a hip problem, which is not ready for surgery, so she uses a cane. **Rosemary "Fifi" Miller** is in Benzonia, Mich., keeping up with the church choir and the Symphonette, in which she plays. Her 95-year-old mother is nearby in a local medical facility. Fifi had visits from nieces and nephews bringing skis, however, winter '98 was quite mild in Michigan.

Nan Riley Pointer and Joe had a trip to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji in January '99. Nan enjoys her 5-year-old grandson and is still active in the United Methodist Women, having attended the national assembly in Orlando in May '98. Other Australia travelers were **Shirley Cole Schleter** and John. They visited their son, Chris, who works for the Sydney organizing committee for the Olympic games. **Mim Sollows Wieland** and Earl took time out from their crafting last spring to travel to Brussels and Amsterdam. They also attended their oldest granddaughter's high-school graduation. **Elmira Doolittle Daniel** went cruising with her oldest sister on the *Sun Princess* through the Panama Canal. Elmira and Dave sold their home in Maine and moved to Rhode Island in August '98.

Taking a leisurely trip to visit their daughter and son-in-law in Phoenix, **Gerry Boswell Griffin** and Dave left Jekyll Island, Ga., and "did" the Evangeline country in Louisiana, the San Antonio River Walk, plus the Alamo and interesting spots in Arizona. The return trip took them through New Mexico just ahead of a snowstorm. Much of their summer was spent supervising the addition of a new bathroom and laundry room — worth the disruption and mess.

Our Florida contingent of classmates has been on the go, too. **Jackie Newell Recker** and Len went to Spain for the Ryder Cup matches and then on to Madrid. In September '98, Jackie fell and shattered her right wrist, so it was a quiet fall with therapy twice a week. "Thank heavens for bridge," she said. She sees **Helen Hopkins Timberlake** from time to time, and Helen gets together periodically with **Janey Gardner Mallory** and **Clelia Boushee Bullard**. They all live in the Jacksonville-Ponte Vedra area. Clelia has helped Helen make contacts with the DAR chapter, and she is tracing the Hopkins family back to 1632 in Massachusetts. Helen's son, Glenn, was in the hurricane in Key West and moved back to Ormond. Helen and Neal were happy to have a visit from **Patti Head Ferguson** and Glenn as they made a quick trip back to Rhode Island. They have sold their "estate" in St. Thomas and have bought a home in Sante Fe, N.M.

Getting back to Janey, she and Bill had several trips in '98 — Tahiti, by way of San Francisco and Hawaii, Mackinac Island, Mich., a trip up the Mississippi to Natchez, and there was some golf in Florida in between. Clelia's and Ray's travels took them to Kentucky to a Blanton family reunion. Clelia's great-grandmother was a Blanton. It lasted several days and some folks came from as far away as Australia. Clelia is a state officer in the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She is also active in the DAR, and they have monthly meetings of the DAR in their home. In March, Clelia and Ray had a surprise visit from **Peggy Rudacille Chapman** and her husband as they were returning from southern Florida to Suffolk, Va. They stayed overnight, so there was much time to catch up on news. On the sad side, Clelia received word from **Mary Jane McIntosh Young**'s daughter that Mary Jane had died in January after suffering a massive stroke. She is

survived by her husband, Floyd, five children and five grandchildren. I sent condolences on behalf of our class. Mary Jane was a loyal reunion attendee and will be missed by all.

In Niceville, Fla., **Eleanor Sullivan Lewis** and Bob had a good '98. They visited son and family in St. Louis for Thanksgiving and on the way home completed a preliminary genealogical search on the Sullivan family in Alexandria and Lake Charles, La. They also did some "cruising." **Anne "Ozzie" Osborn Cox** and Frank in Plantation, Fla., continue to work, but offers to purchase the business and property become more appealing as time goes by. Ozzie's health problems seem to be a way of life, but she is hanging in there and is taking a day or two off from work each week. They have a new home computer, and the scanner will be a big help in finalizing a book Ozzie has been working on for some time. Frank is turning over a large part of their home for an elaborate train set-up for grandsons, who live nearby.

Connie Metzger Verlander and Joe now have a beautiful new kitchen and guest bath in Altamonte Springs, Fla. They had a nice trip to Mt. Rushmore, Grand Tetons, and Yellowstone National Park during summer '98. Their trip to the California coast was canceled by El Ninō in February '99 when the highway fell into the Pacific Ocean. Connie continues with her real estate, as does Joe, who also enjoys golf, and they both love having their grandchildren nearby. **Barbara Huber Bohmann**, in Lakeland, Fla., also enjoys watching her grandsons grow and finds the weather delightful, although Hurricane Georges gave them a scare. Her bridge playing has given her an opportunity to meet and make new friends, and her cat, Schatzi, keeps her company.

Marcy Weatherley Morris and Juney have added three new great-grandchildren to their roster. Marcy's mother celebrated her 90th birthday in February '99. Marcy and Juney celebrated their 48th anniversary by taking a cruise down the Potomac to Bermuda and back. **Martha Carr Huddleston** had knee surgery in late April due to a torn cartilage, but she was still planning to take a trip to Scotland in the beginning of June.

The **Gawleys** (Irv and I) are enjoying our new granddaughter, who is close enough for us to watch her progress. We had a great Elderhostel at Sturbridge Village, Mass., in fall '98.

Don't forget our 50th reunion in the year 2000!

1951

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Here we are again! Only two more years to go! 2001 will be coming very soon. Are your plans all set?

If you haven't already heard, we lost one of our classmates. **Barbara "Bobbi" Kelley** died in Lynchburg, Va., in March after being ill for a couple of months. She was one of our few faithful regulars at our reunions. We will miss her.

1952

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Elizabeth "Betty" Brice Lendian and Armando recently moved to New Smyrna Beach, Fla. They are enjoying retirement beside the ocean and delight in being close to their family. Three of their four children and five of their six grandchildren live nearby. The fourth child is a pharmacist in South Carolina. Last fall **Betty Jo Braithwaite Gayle Stanton** married John, a construction engineer. **Maryanne Heatwole Cox** made her wedding dress. Betty Jo praised her sewing talents. Maryanne is a seamstress and teaches Jazzercise classes in Fredericksburg. Betty Jo and John live beside the Potomac River in nearby King George. Last spring they went on a Mediterranean cruise. Betty Jo also sees **Nancy Straughan Russler**, who is busy with her CPA work.

Elaine Nader Powell and Jim attended their first mini-Elderhostel in March at Gettysburg, Pa., and then they took their annual trip to Nags Head, N.C. Travels to Italy in June, Spain and Portugal in the fall — **Charlotte Adams Harrell** and Bob are making some overseas trips.

I recently spoke by phone to **Joan Britten Lucas** of Vacaville, Ga., and **June Kucher Blanchard** of Albuquerque, N.M. Joan's husband, Richard, was a doctor of pathology in the Air Force. Upon retirement in 1967, they settled in Vacaville, where he established a private practice. They have four children and eight grandchildren; all but one live near them. June's husband, Lyle, was a civil engineer with Phillips Petroleum before retirement 10 years ago. One son lives in Seattle, the other is in a remote Alaskan village with his wife and child.

Jane "Scottie" Scott Knowlton lives in Haddam, Conn., and **Ruth Rivenburgh Crouch** lives in Kensington, Md. Ruth has a son and daughter and four granddaughters. Her husband was a naval officer, and Ruth, after his death, worked as an administrator to an admiral.

What a delightful surprise to hear from **Joanie Ferrari Mougioi**, who attended MWC from 1948-50 and graduated from Kean College. Divorced two years ago, she has two children and lives in Berkeley Heights, N.J. She's really busy — has six weeks of time shares in Orlando, touring the Hawaiian Islands in March, and went on an Elderhostel travel and study expedition to all five of the major barrier islands along the Texas coast. Joanie has recently returned from Villapreux, a suburb of Paris, on a two-month reciprocal teaching assignment. If that's not enough, she also finds time to volunteer on the alumni board of Seton Hall U.

Margaret "Marty" Taylor Hohman and Earl have two sons. Marty, though retired, works with student teachers at Georgetown College, Ky. Once a year Marty and **Phyllis "Butch" Farmer Shaffer** meet. **Nora Lea Hulme Watkins** has left Fredericksburg, where son Steve is a professor at MWC, to move to Florida. **Louise Sakakini Summs** and Jack recently enjoyed touring the historic homes in Charleston, S.C. Louise still plays the piano as beautifully as ever.

I was sad to hear of the recent death of **Anne L. Ceglis**. She had a beautiful voice and soloed at every event MWC had from 1948-1952. In 1953 she was second runner-up in the Miss America contest. After college she became an importer.

I hope to hear from many more of you.

1953

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From Barbara:

We received news that **Jewell Scott Walker** died in January 1999. On behalf of the class, we extend deepest sympathy to the family.

Sally Lankford Scott stopped teaching in 1985, and her husband retired from NASA in 1986. Since then they have spent their winters in Florida. Son Preston is an attorney in Washington, D.C., and a director of WFED, an environmental foundation. There are two granddaughters. Since retirement, the Scotts enjoy traveling. One of their most enjoyable trips was a two-week safari in Kenya with their son and family. They also have a two-week trip planned to the British Isles.

Guest director for the Anne Arundel Handbell Festival Concert last spring was **Alberta "Bert" Shelton Stornetta**. The concert featured 11 English handbell choirs using more than 600 handbells and 200 chimes. At her own church, Bert directs four bell choirs and is an interim organist at Severna Park United Methodist Church. Her youth bell choir was recently invited to give a concert at St. Andrew's By-the-Bay Catholic Church. Bert enjoyed a brief visit with senior year roommate, **Winifred "Winnie" Hundemann Schurek**, when she was visiting her son. I identified totally with Bert's remarks on taking care of their 11- and 5-year-old granddaughters recently while daughter and her new husband went on a delayed honeymoon. While our daughter and son-in-law went to a school at Quantico, Hal and I took care of our 8-year-old grandson and 6-month-old twins.

"Hekahle's Helper," **Kathryn "Kitty" Garland Obenshain**'s opera, was slated for production in the fall by Radford U. Opera Ensemble. Kitty's play, "Jack and the Ice Princess," was also slated to be premiered in August as the vehicle for RU's "Arts Adventure '99," a musical theater day camp. Kitty and Ray lunched with **Virginia "Ginny" Poole Kinniburgh** and husband John in Florida last winter when the Kinniburghs were northbound. In recent years the Obenshains have spent January and February in New Smyrna Beach, Fla. Back in Virginia, Kitty enjoys seeing **Patricia "Pat" Saunders** and her mother often.

If you visit the Historic Bourbon Distillery in Kentucky, you might have **Betty Anderson Buck** or her husband, David, as your tour guide. You're invited to visit if in the area, but are forewarned that there are no liquid samples! Betty's daughters and seven grandchildren live in Idaho and Utah, which explains the many Western trips the Bucks make each year.

Carol Ann Smith Boyes wrote that her short-term late-life job at the National Gallery developed into a career from which she can soon retire. Carol has nine grandchildren and is "a great-aunt for heaven's sake." After our 45th reunion, Carol and **Garnette Bell Crawford** went back to Newport, R.I., for their 50th high-school reunion. Garnette's younger daughter, Ellen, married last year in Ocean City, Md. In November '98, Garnette's husband, Norm, was named to the Salisbury State U. Athletic Hall of Fame for his many contributions to the athletic program when he was president there.

Now retired is **Jessie MacKay Foster**, who avows that she does not miss the commute to Sterling, Manassas, and Woodbridge from her house in Mt. Vernon, Va. Jessie recently had lunch in Old Town with **Joanne "Jo" Harris**. **Sally Hammett Davis** still teaches piano and plays a lot of tennis. She saw **Marjorie Kodet Shevlin** in Signal Mt., Tenn., when she went to a tennis tournament in Chattanooga. She also saw **Virginia "Ginny" Bailes** in Capon Springs, W.Va., last year.

Peggy Hopkins Johnson stays in touch with **Rebecca "Becky" Spitzer Harvill** and **Nancy Melton Miller** and recently enjoyed a long telephone chat with **Nell McCoy Savopoulos**. Through mutual friends in the horse world,

Peggy has followed **Betty Ranney Moran**'s successes in raising thoroughbred horses in Pennsylvania. She and Nancy were roommates their first two years at MWC. The Johnsons make an annual trip to the Keys in February and attend the races at Keeneland, Ky., each April and October. While in the area, they visit friends **Charlotte Anderson Miller** '48 and husband Ken. Charlotte's sister, **Betty**, is our classmate.

Her 50th high-school reunion took **Shirley "Sherry" Widener Butler** back to Blacksburg, Va. She and husband Jack enjoyed a trip to the Canadian Rockies and Victoria, B.C., so much last year that this year they decided to head to the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Park via Salt Lake City. Grandchildren occupy a lot of their time and energy — happily so!

As of this writing, **Ruth Bryce Maroney** was looking forward to her first great-grandchild. She planned to go to New Mexico for the baby's birth. **Betty Cranford Besley**, who has been retired five years, spends much of her time with her younger grandson at roller rinks and time with her older grandson at the airport from whence he flies. "Just enjoying living," wrote **Mary Lou Dodge**, who is in a master gardener program. She visits around the country, keeping up with friends.

Charlotte Benz Villalobos recently traveled to Nashville to visit her 90-year-old aunt who still drives and, according to Charlotte, enjoys more activity than she does. Outside of some landscaping and vegetable planting, Charlotte said all she and Jose have done this year is paint the interior of the house and think about painting the exterior.

Hal and I recently went to Portsmouth, Va., to greet *USS Stout* on her arrival home from a tour in the Mediterranean. It was joyous to share the welcoming with the happy Navy families being reunited with their sailors. Hal's dad would be so proud of the ship named for him! Interpreting and translating Spanish, mostly in the courts, keeps Hal busy, and translating and teaching classes to personnel in local companies keeps me the same.

Do write! If your news arrives after one deadline, we'll save it for the next.

1954

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It was wonderful seeing everyone at the 45th reunion. Our **Elizabeth Baylor Neatrour** and **Phyllis Farmer Shaffer** '52 were honored with the Distinguished Alumnus awards.

Patricia Elizabeth Swain Holzberlein is a retired teacher working for Air Lines Pilots Association. She has three children and three grandchildren. Her many interests include swimming, canoeing, ice skating, racquetball, rollerblading, kayaking, digital photography, windmills, lighthouses and going to the beach!

Justine Huncke Bonn is still substitute teaching. Her daughter lives in North Dakota with her four daughters. Her son, just returned from Antarctica, works for the U.S. Antarctica Program (Ozone, NASA).

Marian Gravatt Wiltshire retired from teaching first grade for 32 years. Roy and she spend most of their time visiting four children and eight grandchildren, although Marian is active in the church and community. Her mother, **Elizabeth Johnson Gravatt** '28, and her daughter, **Sally Gravatt Wiltshire Block** '81, also attended MWC.

We were sorry to hear **Babs Wilson Taliaferro**'s husband, Duke, died suddenly in August 1997 of heart problems. She has been adjusting to her new life. Their two sons are physicians practicing in St. Augustine. Their oldest child has been working in Alaska for three years.

Helen Hodges Conte retired from the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services in Richmond after 42½ years. Two years ago she and Frank, also retired, moved to Helen's farmhouse in Frederick, Md. It is over 80 years old, and they have renovated it. Frank is recovering from a replacement operation on his left knee.

Since retirement, **Sue Sykes Shipman** and Bob have traveled to Buffalo, N.Y., 50th high-school reunion, and New England. Then with a church group to Zurich, Switzerland, and Arnhem. In between times, Sue is busy baby-sitting daughter Sue's 4-year-old son.

Bootsie Simpson Johnson has her own business in place, unpacking and organizing, which she started in 1992. Her daughter, a social worker in four elementary schools, is married to a college professor and has a 7-year-old daughter. Bootsie's son works for a computer company, but is about to start his own company — buying old homes, restoring them, and selling them. A couple of years ago, Bootsie went with her church group to Israel and Greece. Bootsie is very health conscience.

Lucy-Mae Redman Munger was sorry to miss the reunion, but she was in Banff, Glacier, and then Maine for the summer. She has eight grandchildren. Bruce and she have been married 44 years. They spend winters in Arizona and summers in Maine. They have family gatherings each year in the summer at the cottage.

Lois Manton Graff Reiser and Bob have been married since June 1960. They have five sons and one daughter, five grandchildren and two more were on the way in July. They live in Jersey City, N.J., where they were both born and raised. They have a summer home in Mountainhome, Pa., and a home in Hudson, Fla. Bob's father turned 101 in August. Lois volunteers in the thrift shop and Bob in the physical therapy department at a local hospital. Lois is kept busy with three homes, organizations, children, and grandchildren.

We had about 40 at the reunion, but we hope to have more at our 50th.

1955

Gretchen Hogaboom Fisher
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In the last reporting period, I heard from or about nearly 20 classmates. This time, by default, you get to hear about *moi*! In January, I had an American Horticulture Society meeting at Florida's Disney World, where we toured the beautiful landscaping highlights and the research centers where they do science fiction-like work with hydroponics and tissue culture. Take the tour!

Since February, I've worked daily in my garden, readying it for three tours in June, the biggest and last being a regional (five states) American Daylily Society group. For you non-gardeners, this is akin to getting a visit from your aunt, who irons her wallpaper and in whose will you hope you are mentioned!

Our two contests are still running, with prizes for the correspondent who has never (or can't recall ever) written to a class agent and, of course, the 1999 Most Beautiful Grandbaby contest. So, y'all write and send in those photos, all of which will be displayed at our class reunion in 2000.

Hope to hear from you soon.

1956

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1957

Ellen Hertz Hewitt
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Greetings, classmates! Where are you? I haven't received any news from you, so my offering will be short.

Last February the Richmond-area Alumni Association hosted a wine and cheese reception at the Virginia Museum of Fine Art. Our college president, Dr. William Anderson Jr., delivered a stimulating and informative message about the present state of Mary Washington College. The Stafford County satellite campus is growing, and the number of students will soon outnumber those on the Fredericksburg campus. President Anderson is an animated speaker. If you have an opportunity to hear him, your time would be well spent.

In an effort to locate my MWC roommate, I called her husband's alumni office in Haverford, Pa. I was sad to learn that **Carol Strusinski Sotomayer** suffered an aneurysm and died very suddenly in her sleep in 1983. She was 48. Her husband, Guy, has retired to Disputanta, Va. Two of their sons live in Illinois, and Guy Jr. is in California.

As I write this, Charlie and I are getting ready to spend a week in Florida. It has been a lovely spring here in Virginia but quite cool. I am looking forward to the warm sunshine. In August we will be going to an Elderhostel for a week in the Adirondack Mountains. We will meet my sister and brother and their spouses for a second week in that area.

1958

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1959

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Another fantastic reunion! And each one gets better!

Our 40th reunion found approximately 40 of us sharing, laughing and empathizing together. Several girls had never attended and were all heard to say, "I never knew how much fun I was missing!" Did y'all hear that? Thanks so very much to **"Tene" Bing Klar**, **"Dodie" Reeder Hruby** and **Beth Shochat Cole** for all their work.

"Tene" Bing Klar, who did such a fantastic job on our reunion booklet, still teaches in Fairfax County. She has three children and two grandchildren.

Dodie brought news of **Emily Babb Carpenter**, now living in Westport, Conn., who would have attended but her thriving flower business had her involved in a wedding. **Diana Trischman Lee** was having two knee operations, which kept her from coming. **Carmen Culpeper Chappell** had an opportunity to be with her granddaughter, Nicole, and just couldn't miss the chance. I

received a postcard from Carmen in April when she and John were whiling away a few weeks wine tasting in France. **Jane Howard Buchanan** sent her best from Vermont. **Eleanore Craig Towe** wanted to come but was in the middle of running for public office in Loudoun County, Va. She is an elected member of the board of supervisors representing the Blue Ridge district. **"Kitty" Dishman Crandall** is having a good career. She continues to teach creative writing and English at the same high school in Burke, Va., but only three days per week, which gives her time to pursue many interests, including seven grandchildren. She lost her parents last year within a month of each other. I know most of you are aware of Dodie's father's military and writing careers. Her family has been approached by Steven Spielberg for a movie about her Dad!

Gloria Winslow Borden lost her husband in '95. It has been rough, but she has been coping. She continues to teach English at the same school and is thinking retirement in three years. All of her four children are married and have given her 11 granddaughters, the oldest of which is 12! She considers herself very blessed and continues her church activities.

Betty Jane Smith Komp and her husband are retired and live in Springfield. He was a Navy officer, which gave them the chance to travel considerably over the years. Betty Jane taught for 10 years. They have two daughters. Betty Jane loves lying in her hammock in her backyard, and her second love is gardening.

Audrey Dubetsky Doyle, glad she made the decision to attend her first reunion, came all the way from the San Diego area. She and Tom were in Dallas many years before that. She works part time as a special education teacher, which she really likes. Tom retired from the Navy, then worked in real estate and now is a computer consultant. Her oldest daughter, Jennifer, lives in Atlanta and is not married yet. She has written many songs. Tiffany and her husband live in Los Angeles and have a daughter. Tom Jr. is in Carlsbad, Calif., and he and his wife have a daughter born in January. Audrey invites everybody to come and use her pool and share in her kicked-back lifestyle!

Jane Nessenthaler Mann is in Fredericksburg. She was a day student, and though she had no roomie, feels very close to many of her classmates. She was in the Army medical corps and has had three active duty calls. However, Fredericksburg, in her words, needed her more. She set up the first physical therapy department at MWC. She is still a physical therapist but managed to alter her career for 10 years as a social worker. Her daughter has given her a granddaughter, and her son, who is a rocket scientist, was married in June.

Ann Rollins Pyle is a social studies and ESL teacher in Fairfax County. Her daughter, Carolyn, is a nurse. **Julie Coates Littlefield** brought a hello from **Shirley Mauldin Gibson**, who loves Charleston, S.C., had a lot of company and couldn't come. Her son, Matthew, just passed his doctoral orals in English at U.Va. in Fairfax County.

Pat Gray Proulx lives seven blocks from the exciting Atlantic at Virginia Beach. She worked in the local school system as a librarian and in the school office. She and Dan have two children who also are at the beach. Pam and her husband have two children. Gray is not married and works for Jackson-Hewitt. Dan retired from banking, started substituting as a kindergarten teacher, and they wouldn't let him go for six years. He works part time now. Pat likes to get to the beach when there are no tourists. She works in her garden, reads and plays mah-jongg.

Marianne Carrano Raphaely is building a new house only 10 minutes from her current one. She sits on 15 volunteer boards, such as the Cherry Hill School Board, Opera Board, Youth Board, and on fund-raising boards for various organizations. She lost her mother in December. Russell, who came with Marianne, decided after 28 years with the Children's Hospital in Philadelphia to make a lifestyle change. He is now in charge of the pediatric/cardiac unit for E. I. DuPont de Nemours in Connecticut, a 60-minute commute. Their oldest son, Chris, is a lawyer in Philly. He and his wife have a daughter. Their second son, Jim, is a financial planner, and he and his wife have one son — a second son was born on Sunday as we left. That gives Marianne three grandchildren under 21 months.

Ann Brooks Coutsoubinas's family is still in Fredericksburg, so she manages to get away from New York for visits. She teaches first grade in a public school after many years in a private academy. Anastasia married a Canadian and lives in New Jersey. Greg is a licensed paramedic in Brooklyn. Ann and Spiros were on their way to Greece for a month.

Sally Jean Arnold Sullivan, our passionate story-teller, came with her husband, Bill. Sally is very grateful for still having her parents in fairly good health. She hopes her daughter, Stacey, and husband might move from Raleigh to Winchester to be closer to them in the near future. Collin, their son, is a professional ice skater, ranking seventh in the nation as an ice dancer! He was on Nancy Kerrigan's latest special and was also interviewed on the "Today" show. He lives in Boston and teaches ice-skating.

Mary Fredman Downing and Glenn have lived in Reston for 31 years. She retired from USAir and is now at Dulles Airport with United. Mary lost her parents within five months of each other, so '97 was not a happy year. Working has been a help. Glenn is fully retired and, at the time of our reunion, was on an archeological dig in Israel. Mary was expecting her first grandchild from their daughter, Allison who lives in New York City, is a lawyer, and whose husband, Justin, writes for *Fortune* magazine. Mary and Glenn's son, Stefan, loves Madison, Wis., works for the university, and she doubts he'll ever leave. She and Glenn also enjoy traveling.

Audrey Manke Cameron lives in Connecticut and commutes an hour to New York City, where she works for Chase Manhattan Bank as a technical support manager for the global market. She sits on the foreign exchange floor with the traders, and she and her staff keep their 4,000 computers trading! She says it's hard work, exciting and it keeps her young. Her daughter lives in New York City and works in advertising.

Cecelia Bergin Robbins has five children, four of whom are married and have given her five grandchildren. Her youngest daughter attended Mary Washington. She and her sister just closed their consignment shop in Charleston, S.C. Cecilia is planning retirement soon and says life is good.

"Kay" Rowe Hayes says she lives in "organized chaos." She is a full-time grandmother. Her oldest daughter, Kathy, and two grandchildren live with her and Don. Her son, Thomas, has 2-year-old twin boys, and her youngest daughter, Karen, is a chemist and lives in Atlanta. Kay continues her Republican political activism in Fauquier County. She also continues her horseback riding, but, she says, these days she takes two aspirin first.

Harriet Marsh Ryan lives in New York City and has eight children: four boys and four girls. **Pat O'Heir Morelock**, in Fredericksburg, is a widow but has raised three children and four grandchildren. She is a full time physical therapist working in a nursing home in Colonial Beach. **Diane Moseley** lives in Springfield and has two dogs as companions. She works for USAir as a gate agent, and her avocation is clowning.

Ginny Kirby Ferlazzo lives in Culpeper, is married to a dentist and plans to retire in the fall. They have four children and six grandchildren. Their son, David, graduated from Tech, where he now works. Lisa graduated from Radford and teaches in Chesterfield County. Mark teaches professional tennis, and Andrew is a maitre d' at a French restaurant. Ginny does a lot of volunteer work for her church and recently completed researching and writing its history for the church's 50th anniversary. She also wrote the church's parish song. For many years she taught school. She attended Catholic U. and George Washington U. after MWC.

Jane Tucker Broadbooks and John have lived in Asheville, N.C., the last 25 years. **JoNeal Hendricks Scully**, in Charlottesville, wrote that she would be unable to attend because she would be baby-sitting her only grandchild. JoNeal is president of Human Pattern Consultants. Her career is very unusual — she does jury selection work with the police and private investigators. She trains them in body language for deception indicators and conducts and teaches workshops on handwriting analysis. She cooperates with the Virginia State Police and is a certified instructor for the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice. She was in Hawaii in January for a conference on handwriting traits that correlate to psychological profiles. Sean is a reporter in the D.C. area covering the White House and Congress. His wife is the assistant manager of food and beverage at The Willard Hotel. JoNeal's son, Evan, lives in Denver. He completed a B.A. in philosophy in history from U.Va. and is now working on a B.S. in computers.

Jane also brought news that **Molly Bradshaw** could not attend because she was in England on her honeymoon with her new husband, John, who graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a degree in architecture, then earned his master's from the U. of Georgia in landscape architecture. John owns his own business, and Jane was his bookkeeper for 12 years. She has retired now and stays busy with many friends.

Gerry Jenks Winston retired from teaching in Roanoke schools. Addison is retired from banking as of the reunion week and was therefore able to accompany Gerry. They have two sons who have given them three grandsons.

"Charlie" Wohlnick Wiggs was actually in the Class of '60, but we adopted her so she could graduate early. Three weeks before graduation she met Arch at Tech, and he proposed 20 minutes after they met. Arch worked for the Navy as an architect and retired two years ago. Charlie and he now own an antique shop in Woodstock, Va. They also renovate old houses. Charlie has seen **Jane Vaught**, who retired from teaching in Fairfax County and lives in Richmond, **Dale Harris Leahy**, who is in Burlington, N.C., and **Sigrid Stanley Jackman**, who could not attend because she and her husband were on vacation in Kenya. Charlie has two children. Tracy, who graduated from the Naval Academy and worked for the Navy for five years, is employed by Procter & Gamble. Her husband owns his own business and is a stay-at-home dad. They live north of Baltimore and have a daughter. Charlie's son, Alan,

likes being a Tarheel and stays in N.C. Charlie was a school teacher when Arch was in the service, then transferred to Fairfax County, where she ran the computer lab in her school. She then switched jobs and worked for the Navy as a technical editor in desktop publishing. Now she and Arch enjoy their antique shop, travel whenever possible, and she is working on her family's genealogy.

Fay Jessup Young and her husband, Avery, came from New York for Fay's first reunion. They have a 200-acre working farm. Fay retired from teaching art after 33 years. Of their three sons, two are married. Their youngest son lives in Fredericksburg. **Pamela Raumitz Laveck**, also retired from teaching, lives in Florida. All three of her children are married. She has one grandchild and two more on the way.

Ann Watkins Steves came to reunion for the first time and brought her husband, Bob, and her mother. Bob is retired from Texas Instruments. Ann does a lot of volunteer work in her church. She and Bob do a lot of traveling to see all the grandchildren — it's a good thing he has his private pilot's license.

Irene Piscopo Rodgers brought greetings from **Carol Agesen Dunigan**, who has retired and is building a house in Connecticut. Irene lost her mother last year. She continues her constant travel as an electron optics consultant. **Nancy Montrastelle Curnutt** was not threatened by the recent tornadoes. However, she has sold her bed and breakfast to take care of her husband, who has cancer.

Carol Carte Harkrider came all the way from Midland, Texas. She taught for 28 years before retirement. She has three children: one son is an architect in New York City, the other son is a building contractor in Austin, and her daughter lives in New Mexico and has given her one granddaughter.

Nancy Crosland Lehfeldt does a lot of traveling now that she is retired. She has three daughters. Two are married and have given her six grandchildren. Her single daughter lives in Alabama and works as a chemist.

Barbara Gordon McNamee is the new synchronized swimming coach at William & Mary. She took part in the '92 and '96 Oylmpic competitions and planned to participate in the Pan American Games. She and husband Bob, a retired dentist, are happily ensconced in a new house in Williamsburg. She has four children: Karen is an interior designer in Williamsburg, Rob is an electrical engineer in D.C., Howard is an architect in Atlanta, and Chris develops computer simulators for defense projects. She has three stepchildren with Bob, and all together, eight grandchildren. Barbara also volunteers for various organizations and in April received the Perodine Award from the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

Mary Massey has three stepchildren, thanks to Jack, and eight grandchildren. She is a cancer survivor, which makes the American Cancer Society her favorite project. She and Jack will take their eighth cross-country trip this summer. They hike weekly. In fact, she hiked the morning before coming to the reunion for the Cancer Society in D.C.

Nancy Smith Campbell lives in Richmond and has become a single parent. She has a son in Richmond and a daughter in Raleigh. She hears from **Anita Haeberlin**, who has retired from Sovran Bank. **Cynthia Jones Pleasants** lives in Newport News. Her husband, too, is a retired dentist. Sadly, she lost both her parents within 11 months. She has two children and two stepchildren. **Celeste "Pug" Shipman Kaufman** still lives in Birmingham, Ala. Alan retired from Sandwich Chef and is now the golf coach at Birmingham U. They have three children, who have given them five grandchildren ranging in age from 2 to 9 years. Their youngest daughter, Tammie, received her Ph.D. from Va. Tech. in historic preservation and is teaching at the U. of Mississippi. Pug and Alan were planning to go to Ireland last summer for their 40th anniversary celebration. Pug is taking kickboxing!

Joan Essick Woloson retired from teaching in '97, though she will occasionally, selectively substitute. She lost her 101-year-old mother in '97. Joanie's son, Blake, resides in Fredericksburg but is a criminal lawyer in Alexandria. Her daughter, Wendy, has four advanced degrees. She just completed her Ph.D. at the U. of Pennsylvania. Joanie did a wonderful thing: She donated her Peter Maxx collection to the Ridderhof Martin Gallery at MWC. A reception was held at the Gallery, which gave us the opportunity to admire her generous gift.

Carol Daehler Leonard was our other San Diego traveler and a cancer survivor. Her husband is a retired Marine. Her son, Dale, is an elementary school teacher and has given her one grandson. However, #2 is on the way in November. Daughter Judy is expecting #1 in the same month. Carol is a caretaker these days to her husband, because Bud has Parkinson's disease. Carol said the '59 California chapter got together about two years ago. **Sharon Henry Schafer**, **Sharon Greene Hope**, **Stevie Conover Denison**, **Marcia Kyes Price**, and **May Phillips Slago** were some who met and did lunch. They are hoping for a repeat performance. Marcia's husband, John, has had a stroke. She is his caretaker and also writes children's books.

Barbara White Ellis works part time for a small animal D.V.M. and has a horse boarding business, which really keeps her on the go. She, too, lost both parents. She and Allen do not see retirement in sight.

Priscilla Brown Wardlaw lost her husband very suddenly in March. He died in his sleep. Our deepest sympathy to her and her family.

Our next is the 45th. In the next five let us hear from you. Most of us should be retired. Let's come in on Friday to a block of rooms all ready for us at a local motel, and instead of Seacobeck, we'll get a room reserved at a restaurant for dinner like we did at our fifth. At our 45th, we'll start some serious plans concerning a gift from us to the school for our 50th. Kay already has a great suggestion that I think you'll like. And, how about a mini-reunion in a couple of years? We need to know about this within the next year to make our plans. We can meet in the mountains, at the beach, in D.C., etc.

I have worn the silver bracelet you gave me every day. I can't thank you enough. Virginia is fine, working for the same firm, and she has added another crazy cat. I hope to retire in two years.

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Didn't get an overwhelming response from my e-mail news request but did hear from a few old faithfuls. **Lynne Williams Neave** has been busy fixing up their new condo in Boca Grande, Fla., but she and Sandy did find time to see our son, Don, in "Reunion," a show on off-off Broadway, and loved it. We are praying that a Broadway show (and an ensuing trip to NYC) isn't that far away.

Carolyn Crum Pannu and her handsome son, Raj, visited recently. Carolyn was in Los Angeles getting Raj settled in a new apartment and offering her support in job hunting.

Sylvia McJilton Woodcock and **Lynn McCarthy** made a half-hour presentation at the memorial plaque ceremony for Dr. Simpson and Dr. Stevenson on June 4 at MWC. The memorial plaque has been mounted on its pedestal and all the plantings are in. Lynn had the following news to relate: "I head back to Richmond June 10, then will head up to Fredericksburg and Annapolis. Then, on down into North Carolina for more research. Am really looking forward to visiting Best Western-Fredericksburg poolside with classmates. **Polly Updegraff Champ** is flying down to D.C. area. **Judy Saunders Slifer** will meet her plane, then the two of them will head for the 'Burg.

"(I had a) great surprise on Thursday of Derby Week. **Bea Byrnes Stone** and husband Charles from Natchez showed up in the territory. Hadn't seen Bea since Trench Hill days our freshman year. How hysterical it was to find out that we both love to prowl and talk about cemeteries! Bea and Charles spent the next day with **Betty Pace Rose** touring Bluegrass Country.

"**Julia Early Toxie** passed all of her U.S. Coast Guard tests in Florida before returning to Ocean City. **Emyl Jenkins** has remarried. Her husband's name is Robert "Bob" Sexton. They live in Raleigh."

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Some of my news may be very old by the time you read it, but I hope that you will enjoy it nevertheless!

Beverly "Bev" Sulpice Persell and Bob headed to Canada for their 36th wedding anniversary this past summer and had a grand (but damp) time in Niagara Falls. Bev put me in touch with **Betsey-Ellen Hueston Hansen**, who started out with the Class of '61, but actually graduated with us because she began in February and then changed schools. Betsey works at MWC and as class notes editor. Bev and Bob went to Puerto Rico in early March. Trips into Old San Juan and the rainforest were other highlights during their Caribbean sojourn.

Helen Alexion James, **Emily Lewis**, **Katherine "Kitty" Gray Herrmann** and I met at Wintergreen, Va., in November 1998 for a "girls-only slumber party" (more on that later). A number of other MWCers were also invited. **Barbara Schwab Jesser**, who had to decline, sent the news that she and husband Bill spent a week last summer in Israel, where Bill had a joint project with a colleague who lives there. Their host arranged a number of fascinating outings for them, including a trip to Jerusalem. They also traveled again to South Africa, where Bill worked for five weeks. They then flew to Bali, which was absolutely beautiful, and then drove a mini-van into Thailand for five days of sight-seeing. They returned via Kauai, where they purchased a con-

dominium. Bill is chair of the materials science department at U.Va. Daughter Nicole and her husband joined them in Kauai in January. Their son was married in August '98, once his globe-trotting parents returned home!

Sue Katz Lieberman's seriously ill mother has recovered enough to live back in her own home and is strong and feisty once again. Son Jim and his wife are in Chicago, where Jim is completing his fellowship year. Sue and Ed hope that he will find a position in the East once that phase of medical training is over. Their daughter, Meg, continues to teach in an inner-city school.

Alan, husband of **Sue Lukehart Hallden**, wrote in their Christmas note: "Sue is making slow, but steady progress in recovering from her stroke. ... Sue is, however, as smiling and cheery as ever and looks forward to traveling and seeing friends." Alan retired from the rocket business in May in order to spend quality time with Sue. They spent Christmas in Florida with Alan's parents and Sue's sister and family. Their two daughters, their husbands and one granddaughter joined them, along with other members of the family, for a first-ever reunion gathering.

Joan Akers Rothgeb and Eddie traveled in the New Mexico/Arizona area for "another great time among the Indians." Joan and **Jean Craig Gough** met for lunch in Albuquerque with their respective spouses for their first reunion since MWC graduation. Jeanne and Bob love the Albuquerque area. **Sue Grandy Farrar** stopped by Joan's in August while she was staying in Virginia Beach, but the gals missed connections. Joan and Eddie's daughter, Shannon, was married in April 1999. Because of the last class notes, Joan and **Jeannie Source Smith** have reconnected and realized that their sons, Lee Rothgeb and Paul Smith, had become best buddies when both were in the Altavista, Va., area! Jeannie will become a grandmommie in June, thanks to Paul and his wife.

Jane Walshe McCracken and Jay have moved to Tustin, Calif., after seven years in Carlsbad. Jay enjoys his new job in wholesale sports cards, memorabilia, etc., distribution, and Jane has continued her job with the local Weight Watchers, as well as substitute teaching. They made trips to Seattle in September, Las Vegas in November and then Arizona in March for some spring training baseball games.

Mary Wolff "Wolfie" Maddrey Isenhour and I see one another frequently. We recently took a beginner watercolor class taught by a professional artist friend of Wolfie's. At this same watercolor class, we met another neophyte watercolorist who knew **Nellie Peyronnet Drew**. Nellie's husband, Lewis, is dean of students at Hampden-Sydney College.

Louise Dunn Fuqua wrote of being busy and tired from multiple choir and choral rehearsals for the busy Christmas season, but loves every moment. Her oldest son was bringing home a girlfriend to introduce to his mother during the holidays!

Betty Potts Cooley and I both have mothers living in the same assisted living facility in Waynesboro, Va. These ladies have known one another for at least 50 years. Emily Lewis' mother moved into an independent living apartment last spring in the same complex. Emily and Tony are still on track for their return to Virginia in 2000, when Tony retires as an Episcopal minister and they move into their home near Swananoah, Va. **Judy Lewis Clark** '61, Emily's sister, and her husband, John, moved back to Waynesboro shortly before Christmas 1998. John, who is not quite ready to retire-retire, has started his own business. Judy has found a perfect job working as a part-time library assistant at the Fishburn Military School in Waynesboro.

Helen Alexion James, Kitty Gray Herrmann, Emily Lewis, Judy Lewis Clark and I were part of a group of women who graduated from high school in Waynesboro who met at Wintergreen, Va., for a slumber party/friend fix, as mentioned earlier. About 23 women came for a delicious Greek dinner that Helen provided. Helen and Gus are planning to build a new house in Virginia Beach. Both of their daughters now live in Atlanta, Ga., and Gus and Helen seem to find many reasons to travel that way. Helen loves being back in her field of physical therapy. This spring, they traveled to Greece and were to meet the Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church, a significant honor for any citizen of Greek heritage. Kitty and her husband, Bob, gave one another a dream vacation of two weeks in James Harriott country in the Cotswolds of England for Christmas. This is a perk of Kitty's job as a travel agent.

Donna Stevens Boyd and Harold planned several extensive trips last summer in connection with Donna's genealogy interests. Her photography, crafts and especially her interest in genealogy keep her busy. Donna will be the editor of our next reunion booklet and asks that all of you send your e-mail address or your home address to her. Donna can be reached at momdsb @summit.net or P.O. Box 1293, Culpeper, VA 22701.

Nancy O'Neal Robinson and her husband visited us in May on a vacation that included family visits as well as a trip to the mountains of North Carolina. Nancy has semi-retired from speech therapy in the Walnut Creek, Calif., school system. Since she had all that free time, she agreed to run for the vestry of her church. She's a new vestry person and busier than before! She and Robbi visited Sue Lukehart Hallden and Alan in Westlake Village, Calif., several months earlier. Sue is confined to a wheelchair, but her disposition remains as sunny as ever. Nancy said that Sue is ready to travel anywhere at the drop of a hat.

Kathleen Sprenkle Lisagor is busy with piano students (40 at last count) and all sorts of volunteer activities related to the music program at Tabernacle Baptist Church. Husband Barry has retired after 36 years with NASA and can be found either hunting, fishing or whacking at a golf ball. The Lisagor clan stayed at the Lewisetta River cottage on the Potomac several weekends last summer. Due to major ice storms and power outages, the group spent four cold, dark, primitive days camping out together at Christmas, but "It was fun with all the kids home," Kathleen wrote.

Louise Couch Girvin has finally returned to Lexington, Ky., where she is happily spoiling her four grandchildren. Louise's husband, John, has retired from the law firm in Menlo Park, Calif. Louise, Beverley Sulpice Percell and Betsey Hansen met for lunch and updates in Tyson's Corner in early June. **Joyce Wilborn Lacy** is eagerly awaiting two grandbabies, which will bring the total count up to three for her. Her son, Lou Jr., was married in June to a former music student of Kathleen's.

Garland Hutton Rasmussen wrote, "I was in the Class of '62, but was only there for two years. I ended up going to RPI and getting a degree in occupational therapy. When my daughter, **Ann Rasmussen** '96 entered MWC in fall '92, my name got back on the list. I have represented OT at career days for three or four years. I live in Powhatan and work in Chesterfield County schools as an OT and as an assistive technology liaison." Ann majored in German and married a German last April — they reside in Germany. Garland has two other children a son in San Francisco and a daughter in Boise, Idaho. Garland and her sophomore roomie, **Karen Edwards Applehans**, got together for a visit in Hampton, Va., where Karen lives. **Marcia Kirstein Fitzmaurice** said that she and Ed went to Zurich and northern Italy during Easter/Passover.

Diana Copple Smith moved into a perfect-for-her house in October 1998. Diana relishes the space her new home affords and enjoys the planting, pruning chores that come with caring for any bit of acreage. Diana was named lead teacher for English as a Second Language at the Swisher Center, a new branch of the community college system in the Winston-Salem area. As such, she is the administrator for the program and also teaches over 20 hours per week. Daughter Amy received her diploma in dance from the North Carolina School of the Arts, via Hunter College, in New York City. Amy dances professionally and has performed with her troupe in the U.S., Europe, Peru and the Baltic States. Diana had a delightful lunch with **Noel Sipple** and her mother last August at a "wonderful old homestead" on the Parkway near Roanoke, Va. Diana received a note from **Julia Shumaker Bailess**, and they made plans to get together when Julie was in the High Point, N.C., area for one of her son's soccer games.

Frances Goins Wilhoit '63, my junior year roommate, recently retired as head librarian of the branch library supporting the school of journalism, telecommunications, etc., in Bloomington, Ind. She has two children: Hannah, a nurse for two busy doctors, is married to Mark Boston, who manages a large new exercise facility in the Raleigh/Durham area, and son Peter is a very talented drummer with a band, The Cutters, that is making quite a name for itself up and down the Eastern Seaboard. They released a CD nationally in February 1999.

The "Chapter Activities" segment of the April 1999 *Retired Officer Magazine* featured a picture of our own **Edith Gilbert Smith** as the recipient of the Margaret Vinson Hallgren Award for outstanding volunteer service to the national military family association (NMFA). Edie has been an NMFA resources volunteer since 1990 and has been a tireless advocate for improvement of military medical benefits. Thanks in part to Edie's tireless efforts, the inequities in the military health care system are beginning to be corrected.

Jerry and I continue to be happy living on the beach in Emerald Isle, N.C., in spite of the worry about the approaching hurricane season. I am an interim member of our homeowners' association and find that the job is often more than I bargained for! I really enjoy trying my hand again at watercolors, and people who have seen some of my work have been most complimentary. This past summer Jerry and I tagged along with my sister, **Sharon Tench West**, who attended MWC for one year, and her husband aboard their trawler up the Intracoastal Waterway into Canada. We have sailed with them many times before when they lived aboard their sailboat, but this was our first trip aboard the trawler.

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From Frances:

Mary Ann Denham is a consumer safety officer for the Food and Drug Administration and lives in Montgomery Village, Md. **Ilona Dulaski Williams** returned to D.C. after the reunion to appear in "Sheer Madness" at the Kennedy Center. She has been in theater, commercials and films since graduation.

Carolyn Mitchell Macksoud is a parent educator, and her husband is an attorney. Their daughter is a law student at Syracuse U. Carolyn and her family live in Barrington, R.I.

Beth Lacy Wiseman, who lives in Fredericksburg, retired as a docent at Belmont. She and Buck have three children. **David** '90 works for Sybase and lives in Reston. Matthew lives in Fredericksburg and was married last summer. Sarah, a graduate of William and Mary, works for Capital One, lives in Tampa and is the mother of Beth's grandson.

Kathryn Austin Keck teaches honors English to sophomores at Williams High School in Burlington, N.C. She also coaches a team of academic scholars in "Brain Game," which is sponsored by WRAL-TV in Raleigh.

Julia Welde Palmer is a secretary/accountant for a company owned by her three sons. She has one grandson. After enjoying themselves at the reunion and renewing old friendships, Julie and **Mary Blatcher** drove to Windsor, Va., to see **Romine Newsome** and her family. They spent a great Sunday reliving old times.

Marilyn Washburn, a minister in Frederick, Md., was part of a group led by **Estelle Rountree McCarthy** for the campus Christian Life program. It has at least six ordained ministers among its membership.

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A business trip in March took us to Los Angeles, where I spent a day with **Betsy Chappelear Tryon**. She was able to re-schedule a teacher workday to meet me for lunch and browse through a variety of arts and crafts shops. Betsy's next major event is son Frank's wedding in October, with the reception aboard the *Queen Mary*. Daughter Maureen and husband Aaron have moved into their new home in Redondo Beach.

Catherine Cantwell Luria, in the Seattle area, is really tired of all the rain this year but has escaped a lot of it by traveling. In February she and Eric accompanied their high school's history teacher to Spain and Portugal, then went to England in May with their English country dance troupe. Next was their daughter's graduation from Smith College, then back to the usual routine of working in their medical office. Cathe invites any of you who visit the Northwest to visit as houseguests.

Elaine Gerlach McKelly, in North Carolina, has resigned from her job and can fully enjoy time with her granddaughter. As soon as her son finishes his Ph.D. in Houston, he plans to move back to North Carolina, and then Elaine will have her grandson close, also.

Marty Spigel Sedoff wrote from Minnesota that she is still a computer consultant working hard as project manager for a challenging fee-billing project for U.S. Bank. Her son, John, is the voice we hear in Coca-Cola ads, and her son, Jim, 12, is concentrating on his black belt in karate. Husband Bob has his own business as a technical writer. The whole family took a terrific vacation to China. **Susie Palmer Tedesco**, in Alexandria, Va., is no longer with the AFL-CIO, but has gone into consulting. She plans meetings, has produced a legislative conference for the steelworkers, coordinates events like the Alexandria Arts Safari, and writes newsletters for a direct mail company. Her husband, John, is in the catering business.

Marty's roommate, **Shirley Dulaney Gearheart**, has spent the last 33 years teaching, mothering two boys and loving her husband, Rex, her high-school sweetheart. Shirley teaches algebra, geometry and AP calculus in Dublin, Va. Husband Rex has retired from the bank; son Rex teaches eighth-grade English and coaches; and son **Latha** '95 is working on his doctorate in chemistry at the U. of South Carolina.

Bobbi Bishop Mann teaches phonics in Richmond, Va. For fun, however, she performs her duties as an elected official on the Virginia Education Association board of directors. It's nice to know we are so well represented!

Ryan Stewart Davis lives in Shelton, Wash., a small town on a south bay of Puget Sound, not far from Seattle. She taught for five years before becoming an agent for State Farm Insurance, which she has been for 17 years. Ryan is still married to the same former Marine who works with her as office manager.

Jana Privette Usry is a busy classmate. In addition to her teaching career, which she stopped in June, Jana has served as executive director of the Miss Richmond Pageant; as a member of the board of directors for the MWC Alumni Association, requiring frequent travel to Fredericksburg; and as vice president of the Central Virginia Mediation Association. She's also trying to sell her house and to make her own mediation business a profitable venture.

Yvonne Hutchinson March, in Hollywood, Fla., wrote that her new life there is great. She enjoys the weather, is out of the hurricane path, and is near several of her nieces, nephews and cousins who share some of her activities. She has also made new friends at work with the FBI translation unit and enjoys grandmotherly activities with some of their families. Yvonne's long-time friend, Chris, is only a few hours away in Tampa. Daughter Margarita is not too distant in Savannah, Ga., but is very busy with school and work. Son Sean has announced his engagement and is planning a wedding in 2000.

Closer to home, **Susanne Landerghini Boehm** contacted me from just the other side of town. With both of us involved in music activities here, I'm surprised we haven't seen each other more. Susanne administers her home-based music contracting business, hiring professional musicians and singers from the Washington metropolitan area to perform in a variety of special events. Husband Ralph is nearing retirement from teaching public school music in Prince William County but remains active as a performing violinist. Their two sons are college students: Maurice is at George Mason U. and Karl is at Longwood College. Susanne recalled that many of you had met her parents on their frequent visits to MWC, especially as they dined in Seacobeck, and has saddened us with the news that they both passed away during 1998. Our condolences, Susanne.

Hank and I have had a very busy year as officers in the Pentagon Sailing Club, but managed not to take any time away from the family with our administrative tasks and volunteer work. We did manage a short trip to Chicago in May to visit some relatives, see Frank Lloyd Wright's domain and take in a few of the city's attractions. Another treat was a weekend in New York City to see Brian Dennehy's rendition of "Death of a Salesman" on Broadway, a true classic!

Don't forget to send me a copy of your holiday letter.

1967

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I've set up an e-mail network so that you can get class news in full and as soon as I hear from you. Please drop me a line to be added to this growing group. My son, **Chip Dell** '00, has learned to his surprise that the student he is dating at MWC is living in "Mom's room" in Ball Hall. Small world!

Lynda Thorpe Updike sent a news clipping celebrating **Carolyn Johnson Beale**'s being honored by the Franklin-Southampton Area Chamber of Commerce as the 1998-1999 Educator of the Year for Southampton Academy, where she has been part of the faculty since 1969. Carolyn teaches music to students in kindergarten through fifth grade, music appreciation to middle and upper school students and history and geography to eighth graders. She is currently director of the middle school. Carolyn has been the organist at her church for more than 30 years. Her daughter, Allison, attends a school of ministry, and son Michael has completed his sophomore year at Va. Tech.

I called to thank Lynda for sending the newspaper article and learned that she and her husband, Glenn, are retired — in a manner of speaking. Offered early retirement by the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, Glenn and Lynda have taken up farming in a big way. They raise peanuts, cattle, and other crops on a large farm in Newsoms, Va. Working 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. is surely a different kind of retirement. Their son, oldest daughter and their spouses came East in May to help celebrate Mothers' Day and the graduation of their sister, Jennifer, from U. of Richmond with a master's in business administration. Jennifer already has her CPA, CMA, CFM and CIA credentials and works as a financial systems manager for Southern States. When I called Lynda and told her I was checking on news about her, she told me that she remembered typing her mother's class news for her when she was class agent for the Class of 1933.

I received nice messages from **Maggie Stifft Price, Donna Lorance Porcaro** and **Charlotte Gregg Morgan**, who are all getting along well and send greetings to classmates.

1968

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1969

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From Karen Kilgore Ralston:

Hello, Class of '69! We did indeed move to an old (1915) house in Memphis, but my e-mail address remains the same. Living in mid-town on a busy intersection is very different from living in suburban Cincinnati on a quiet cul-de-sac.

Bonnie Page wrote that about 50 members of the class made it to the picnic. Bonnie's son, Andy, was married in January 1998 and was then sent to Germany for a three-year tour with the Army. Daughter Sara spent her junior year fall semester in Spain, where the rest of the family joined her for Christmas. They also got in some traveling and an audience with the Pope, and said Prague was really worth seeing. Sara, back at U. of Richmond, will be student teaching this fall. Youngest daughter, AnnaLyn, graduated high school last June and will go to JMU, where she will be in their 400-strong marching band.

Betty Ferguson Foster's younger daughter, Sarah, graduated from Princeton in June, and will be student teaching and studying for a master's in Denver this fall. But first she would be studying in Alaska during the summer, where the whole family planned to join her. Betty's other daughter, Elizabeth, plans to join her sister in Denver, where she hopes to get a job working with computers. Maybe we can get the girls together with my son, Matt, who will be starting his second year of law school in Boulder.

Linda Huff Alderson's son, Bryn, graduated high school in June and will head to Dartmouth to play baseball and join sister Catie, who will start her senior year there. She traveled the world this last year with some school-related programs.

Anne Witham Kilpatrick and buddies **Jeanine Zavrel Fearns**, **Toni Turner Bruseth**, and **Susie Bender Winterble** got together in Austin, Texas, where Toni lives, and toured the LBJ boyhood home, Governor Bush's mansion, and the "Ghosts of Austin." Anne and hubby Roger have a trip planned to Scotland, where they hope to meet Susie and hubby Charlie, who will be there at the same time.

I am decorating this big old house, which I love. I'm back doing radio reading and will start training to be a docent in one of the historical Victorian homes in the fall. I'm also looking into doing costuming with the local theaters. Jim loves his new job, so the move was a good one. Our daughter, Emily, has transferred to James Cook U. in Queensland, Australia, after extending her one semester abroad to two — we were warned she wouldn't want to come back! She'll be home in July and again at Christmas. We'll take advantage of her time home in July to take our annual scuba trip to Belize.

As always, remember to designate your gifts to MWC to the Class of 1969 Laura Sumner Scholarship Fund.

From Pat Wigginton:

As my last official act as reunion coordinator, I'm filling in for our class agent these last five years, **Karen Kilgore Ralston**. This past year has been tumultuous for her. She lost her mother in December at about the same time her husband was changing jobs. After nearly 30 years in Cincinnati, they've relocated to Memphis, Tenn.

Condolences to two others as well. **Linda Marett Disosway** lost her mother, and **Kern Odom Loughran**'s Navy pilot daughter, **Meredith** '94, was killed in a training exercise on the *USS Enterprise* last fall. Meredith and her sister, **Katherine** '92, were both graduated from MWC.

I want to thank **Joan Pervier Bollenbacher**, reunion booklet editor, for a job well done. It was a pleasure getting to know Joan and her roommate, **Jon Webster McDonough Scheid**. Joan has two sons and has turned her love of needlework into a part-time job at a shop in Hampton called The Needle Works. Jon Webster also has two sons and is a social worker in Dinwiddie County. **Anne Witham Kilpatrick** from Westerville, Ohio, has volunteered to be reunion booklet editor for our 35th.

Our class was honored for exceptional participation in the annual fund drive with the greatest number of contributors. Our returning alumni represented 18 states and the District of Columbia. **Judy Farrell Bechtold** from Huntington Beach and **Iris Harrell** from Portola Valley, both in California, came the greatest distance. Iris is a general contractor, certified kitchen and bath designer, and president and owner of her own company. Iris was particularly pleased to see old friends, **Lyn Howell Gray** from Blacksburg and **Bev Holt** of North Carolina. Judy said this was her first reunion since relocating to California 22 years ago. She joined at least nine other alums from '68, '69 and '70 who converged on the river at **Beverley Clare Coates**' cottage. Other '69ers in the group were **Carol Greenwood Trejo** from Tucson, Ariz., and Virginians **Cheryl Ulmer** of McLean, **Loretta Hargen Nagle** of Richmond, and **Jan Desmond Melluzzo**, who went on to graduate from U.Va.

Coming from Charlotte, N.C., were **Linda Gattis Shull**, a free-lance writer, **Pamela Hogan Baynard**, who recently moved from Texas, and **Gloria Shelton Gibson**. Gloria is a managing director at a securities brokerage and serves on several business and community boards. She and **Mary Page "Pidge" Williams Walden**, who came from Atlanta, stay close by getting together at least twice each year. Our reunion was one, and in the fall they plan to hike in the N.C. mountains near Blowing Rock. Pidge is a mother of two, a special education teacher and, as a cancer survivor, is active in supporting and educating others with and about this disease. Her first grandchild was expected shortly after our reunion. **Christie Wineholt** is in New Bern, N.C. She shared a room at the Hampton Inn with **Lucinda Myers Daly** from Vail, Colo., and **Nina Winston Shepherd** from West Columbia, S.C. Lou observed that all these years later, those two are still keeping her up past 2 a.m. Nina and her husband are retired, and Christie is in the market for husband number four — perhaps someone like the late Redskins owner, Jack Kent Cooke.

Three alums came from Florida: **Linda Clark Craft** from Ft. Pierce, **Chibba Watters Miller** from Temple Terrace, and **Jane Jackson Woerner**, who left Miami for the peace and quiet of five acres on the Okeechobee Waterway, where she celebrated her first wedding anniversary with husband Bill last May. Jane's suitemates, both named Connie and both living in Virginia, also attended reunion — **Connie Hinson** of Mechanicsville and **Connie Cline Bukzin** of Woodbridge. Chibba has two daughters and is office manager for her husband. She came at the uging of her roommate, Pam Hogan Baynard. Pam also has two children, and her daughter graduated from MWC in 1994. Linda Clark was joined by roommates/suitemates **Lin Ferrell** of Richmond, **Pam Hopkins Peck** from Long Valley, N.J., and **Pat Adair Slusher** of Rockwall, Texas. Lin is responsible for Chesterfield County Schools K-12 art program. Summer plans for Pat and Lin were to study Spanish and art at The Cemdnahuac School in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Special thanks to Pat, who agreed to assume the job of class agent. Other Texans were **Nancy Stevenson Leeper** and husband Bob, who came from Houston. The Leepers expected **Jean Whitten Mason** and husband Don to join them from Tennessee.

The New England states were well represented. **Laura "Tee" Johnson Atherton** came from Massachusetts. Laura is a mother of two, owner of a catering business and and active volunteer. **Donna Jones Searle** '68 came from Enfield, Conn., and admired all the campus renovations and new buildings. **Nancy Andrews** came from Waitsfield, Vt., to join Virginia friends, **Catherine Allen Hughes** of Round Hill, **Kathleen Culhane Rogers** of Burke, **Ann Ruff Smith** of Fredericksburg and **Nancy Gleason** of Richmond. Last year the five of them celebrated their 50th birthdays with a week-long vacation together. Representing New Hampshire was **Anne Clark Hoffman** from Bedford. Ann issued an open invitation to call and visit anytime anyone is in her area. Anne, a retired intelligence officer, shared some intriguing thoughts on hormone replacement and her high protein diet with some of us.

Ann Douglas Randolph drove from Washington, D.C., just for Friday evening, because she was hosting a party on Saturday for her second son, Randolph Adams, recent graduate. She still has twin 11-year-old sons at home. Ann sees **Pat Gwaltney McGinnis**, who lives in Georgetown, too. Another alum from Washington was **Darriel Webster**.

Rounding out the out-of-staters were **Lesley Fanning Atkinson** from Lafayette, Ind., **Barbara Marks Poppleton** from Pittsburgh, Pa., and from Maryland, **Ann Chatterton Klimas**, mother of two and a grant and publications manager. Her roommate, **Eleanor Woollard Williams** lives in Hayes, Va. Also from Maryland is yours truly, **Pat Weller Wigginton**. In addition to volunteering to organize this past reunion, I have been a full-time volunteer as president and executive director of a non-profit organization. In mid-life, I am a civic and political activist and the proud mother of a 10-year-old son.

Now to recap alumni from Virginia not already mentioned. **Betty Wade Miles Perry** will be our 2004 reunion coordinator. She lives in Virginia Beach and is an entrepreneur connected with the Quality of Work-Life Center in Hampton. She is approaching the second half of life as the time to "live out what we left out." **Ellen Smith Hook** also lives in Virginia Beach.

From Charlottesville: **Becky Hurrell Aldred** said 30 years went by much too quickly. She boasts of a wonderful husband, two beautiful children and 27 years of teaching people with dyslexia. **Sally Quinn Dempsey** and husband have built a new home, and she finally has a career as a unix systems administrator now that her two daughters are on their own. **Punkie Peterson Fell** has yet to make it to a reunion. This year her youngest daughter's high-school graduation was the same weekend.

From Richmond: **Jean Polk Hanky** provided insights as a veteran reunioner. Jean, a homemaker and in-session secretary for the Virginia House of Delegates, has one son, seven stepchildren and 24 grandchildren — easily the class record! She came back with her roommate and friend from the first day of college, **Beth Stewart Coleman** of Lynchburg. **Katherine Caffee Gompf** is assistant manager at Wicks 'n Sticks, and her daughter is a 1999 MWC graduate.

From Midlothian, **Elizabeth Ferguson Foster**,

from Glen Allen, **Birdie Nuckols**. From Chester, **Barbara Burton Micou** came, and **Juliana Daffron Hendrick**, mother of three, came accompanied by husband Jerry and sister, **Jennifer Daffron Brown** '74, who was also back for her reunion class. Juliana knew one of my suitemates and Chester native, **Anne Rowan Evans Conners** '68, who lives in Atlanta, has two children, and is a self-employed art consultant with a home-based frame shop. She said she still has the energy of three people. One of Anne's roommates, **Nancy Strickler Landsverk,** lives in San Diego with husband John and two teen-age daughters.

From Northern Virginia, **Carolyn Kreiter Gomez-Foronda** is a creative artist in many mediums and a professional writer and poet. Carolyn fondly remembers horseback riding with **Linda Taylor Hewitt**, who lives in Brecksville, Ohio. Carolyn is also a teacher at West Springfield High School in Fairfax, where half a dozen other MWC graduates also teach, including **Frances Smith Armstrong**, **Bonnie Page Hoopengardner**, **Pauline Elkins Rosenstein** and **Margaret Noll King**. For the picnic, **Jean Lemasurier** and **Karen Jones Rogers** came from Arlington. Lastly, **Jeanine Zavrel Fearns** from Fairfax said, "No matter how long it has been or how far we travel — the friendships endure." Jeanine, mother of two, works for an orthopaedic surgeon and as a professional vocalist. Her brother, **Chris** '86, and sister-in-law, **Janet Hall Zavrel** '87 both graduated from MWC.

1970

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I sent several SOS messages to class members to furnish me with news and updates. With our reunion coming next summer, I'd like to have current information on everyone!

We had another wonderful alumni meeting in February at the Virginia Museum in Richmond. President Anderson spoke about goals for our College, changes that were going to take place, and a number of topics that made us all proud to be graduates. **Susan Evans Opdycke** and I ran into **Nancy Buchanan Perry** and had a great time recalling Bushnell dormitory tales. Nancy is in the social work field and has recently moved to Amelia County, Va., with her husband, who is the superintendent of schools there. They had lived in the Fredericksburg area for a long time prior to this. **Carole LaMonica Clark** and husband were putting the finishing touches on their new house in March. It sounded like a marvelous place in Boone, N.C.

I was forwarded a letter from **Pat Piermatti**, who is in her 28th year with the Library of Science and Medicine at Rutgers. She travels a lot and enjoys that. Another letter was forwarded to me from **Helen Kim**, who is with the pharmacology and toxicology department at the U. of Alabama/Birmingham. She does research on the prevention of chronic diseases of the elderly. She received her Ph.D. at U.Va. Her two girls and two newly acquired stepsons seem to round things out nicely.

Kaye Mitchell Kingsbury and **Brenda Jennings Louthian** are trying to locate music majors from our class. If you are among that elite group, please contact me so that I may pass your information on to them. Kaye is thinking of renting her parents' home on Sunken Road for overnight rentals. Could be one solution to lodging for the reunion!

Liz Rampe Edmonds '69 loves her home in Sacramento and selling real estate. **Mary Anne Burns** has moved to a wonderful area of California called Blue Jay. **Donna Brown Coe**'s sister and my brother were married here in historic Charles City County in May. Now I think we are officially related!

Please send more, and I'll have something to write next time.

1971

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The big news from the class is our very own **Linda Bridgeford Koutoufas** has been named Virginia Teacher of the Year. Thanks to alumni director **Cynthia Snyder** '75 for sending me a copy of the article from the March 5, 1999 edition of the *Chesapeake Post*. A 26-year veteran of Virginia Beach public schools, Linda lives and teaches by a simple motto: "Be your best." In addition to her academic endeavors, Linda is active in the Dock Landing Civic League and serves as a board member of the Portsmouth Branch of American University Women. She has won the Girl Scout Woman of Distinction Award, PTA Distinguished Service Award and *Virginian-Pilot* Woman of the Year honor.

Lynn Ware Pate, who lives in Salinas, Calif., has three children: Lynn's oldest son is a music major at Cal State Northridge, her daughter is an artist and musician, and her 10-year old son has Down syndrome. Lynn has written and published two poetry books. She has taught dance for 20 years in Monterey County, has a business creating handmade cards, and is beginning to have various art shows in the area. After 23 years of marriage to a '74 West Point graduate, she is starting a new life after their divorce.

Betsy Flynn Labar said she had my postcard on her refrigerator since Christmas so sent me a Valentine's card instead. Last summer, she and husband Terry celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a steamboat cruise up the Mississippi from New Orleans to Memphis. The crew consisted of her sister (their matron of honor), her husband (a groomsman), and their two sons. Betsy's floral design business, Southern Accents, was fortunate enough to decorate the USMC Commandant's quarters in Washington, D.C., for Christmas.

I finally got my long awaited master's degree in education with a concentration in educational technology from San Diego State U. I have been working at it for six years.

Would love to hear from the rest of you!

1974

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From Janelle Hicks Wesenberg and Alice Harding Thomas:

We wish more people could have been at the 25th reunion in June. Those who came had a good time getting away for the weekend and catching up with everyone else. There were many choices of activities, but I think the highlight was the picnic and class party that followed. **Suzy Passarello Quenzer** and **Jonette deButts Hahn** put together a fun slide show that brought back way too many memories. Those of you who have never been back for a reunion should plan to try it next time.

Alice and I have enjoyed hearing from you these past five years and hope you have enjoyed the class notes we have put together. Hope to see all of you in the next five years!

1975

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I did not receive any official mail for this publication, but I did receive a Christmas card from **Alison Haworth Regan**, who has returned from Baku. She still lives in Houston, however her husband, Don, has retired, and they will be traveling around the country for a while. I saw **Margo Clifford** and **Rich Hasty** in March.

I hope to hear a lot of cheerful news from all of you to pass along in the next issue of *MWC Today*.

1977

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The alumni office was only recently informed of the death of **Donna Marie West**. After leaving MWC, Donna earned her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the Medical College of Virginia. Our heartfelt condolences go to her family and friends.

Jean Weller sent word that she and several others are in the process of establishing a Web site for the Class of '79's 20th reunion. The URL is http://montwell.com/mwc.

The University of Wisconsin Press has re-

cently published **Michael Mello**'s book, *Deadwrong: A Death Row Lawyer Speaks Out Against Capital Punishment.*

1980

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Congratulations to **Amy Hauck Newman**, who recently won the Sato Memorial Award for Medicinal Chemistry. It was given by the Pharmaceutical Society of Japan and presented to her in Tokushima, Japan. Amy also received tenure at the National Institutes of Health and is chief of the medical chemistry section.

Linda Howell Bressler lives in Redmond, Wash., with her husband, Mark, and three sons, Adam, Max and Kevin. My sister, **Barbara Goliash Emerson** '79, and her husband, Doug, are having a busy time with their son and all his activities. They live in Fairfax, Va.

Bernard "Skib" Skibinski '79 lives in Arlington, Va., with his wife, Denise, and their son Matthew. Skib is the coach of his son's soccer team. My son, John, is also on the team, so Skib and I see each other every week at practices and games.

Everything is going well with me. My husband, David, sailed our boat to Bermuda in June. I joined him there for a week's vacation. We have two children, Katie and John. We still live in Arlington, Va., where we do get regular mail delivery. So, classmates, I urge you to drop me a line. I'm beginning to feel like the Maytag repairman of class agents — very lonely!

1981

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From Lori:

Glenis Riegert Pittman and husband Ken recently sold their home in Alexandria, Va., and are planning to buy another in Reston, Chantilly or Centerville. Ken works with Anderson Consulting/ServiceNet in Herndon, Va. Glenis resigned her job at the American Bankers Association in order to spend more time with her sons.

Theresa Cirrincione Schaffer and husband Steve have established a community theater to produce "The Sound of Music" this summer. If you're in New Hampshire's White Mountains or lake District, stop by Resa's new restaurant, Eaton House, featuring authentic Italian cooking. The restaurant is open only evenings and weekends, as she still works days as a senior software engineer.

Jenny Sharp-Warthan recently caught up with **Sally Doyle Miller**. They both have children in the gifted program at William and Mary, so they carpooled last summer. Sally works at Newport News Shipyard and lives in York County.

Kathy Ramsey lives in Rosslyn, Va., and works for the National Association of Broadcasters in government relations. She reported that **Betty Van Chichester Morrogh** is practicing law at a firm in Fairfax. B.V. and her husband have two children and live in Clifton, Va. **Nancy Smith Erickson** and husband John recently had a son, who joins two sisters. They live in Ashburn, Va. **Diana Marks McKinney** and husband J.W. recently purchased a new home on Amelia Island, Fla., where they travel frequently from their home in Atlanta. **Robin Baughman** was married last October and several MWC alumni attended the celebration.

Susan Dishman Boyd and family moved from Louisiana to Buffalo, N.Y., this past summer. John will be the production manager for the FMC chemical plant in Tonawanda, N.Y. He was recently selected for promotion to commander in the Naval Reserve. They have two children, Michele and Michael. Susan has been substitute teaching at the children's private school.

Mary Kay Lohr Crowley remarried in July 1997. She and husband Bill went to Virginia Beach for their honeymoon; on the way, they stopped in Fredericksburg to buy an alumni mug and sweatshirt! Mary Kay is the technical coordinator of the microbiology department of Delaware County Memorial Hospital in suburban Philadelphia. She is the proud mother of Andrew, who keeps her busy with ice hockey and baseball.

David Turley has started a new job as a senior network administrator with Wang Global at the Pentagon. He sees **Steve Northcutt** almost daily, since they ride the same train to work. Steve would like to see if there are any other MWC'ers on the VRE from Fredericksburg.

Tom Valente celebrated his 40th with a party thrown by his wife, 'Becca Davis, and with classmates **Mike Bailey**, **Eddy Gallahan**, **Chandler Howell** and **Tom Simpson**, along with other friends from Baltimore.

Wild Wonderful Willard Second Back had a grand reunion to celebrate the 40th birthday milestone we each are hitting this year. Several were unable to make it, but we still had a nice crew who were able to leave husbands, children and pets behind for a weekend. The group included **Pamela Clapp Hinkle**, **Colleen McCahill Turley**, **Elisa Devorshak Harvey**, **Karen Snyder Boff**, **Patty Churchill Shippee**, **Nancy McEntyre Kenefick**, **Ellen Stanley**, **Bobbie Dwyer Leon**, **Katrina Ray Landis** and me. We gathered at my parents' summer home at Bryce Mountain in Bayse, Va., and had a wonderful time. We each could remember someone else's most embarrassing college antics, but conveniently were never so clear on our own. Saturday evening, Ellen prepared a delicious paella feast. Bobbie brought a group birthday cake made with a group photo taken last fall at Pam's wedding on Cape Cod. The 40 sparkler candles nearly ignited the screened-in porch! We marveled at how our friendship has withstood time and distance; we feel the same love and dedication we felt 22 years ago.

I moved back to San Diego this past summer, but my e-mail address remains the same.

1982

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From Marcia:

The e-mails have been flying back and forth, so I have a bit of news to report. **Mabel Royal** visited MWC last February on her way back from Maryland on business. She saw **Cedric Rucker**, who is from a couple of classes before ours. Mabel reported that he still looks the same and is as crazy as ever. Mabel also heard from **Audrey Poindexter**, who is doing just fine. **Lillian Sempeles Funk** was promoted to director of computer systems in her D.C. job and lives in Herndon. **Andrea Kocolis Hornung** was due with her second child in August. His name will be Brandon Dale. Andrea works in Culpeper as a comprehensive planner and has completed her planner certificate as an AICP. Her husband, Neil, was in the Mediterranean in fall '97 for six months coordinating security between countries and the U.S. when ships were in port. Neil works with the Department of the Navy in D.C. and is part of an FBI task force investigating computer crimes that may jeopardize classified info in the federal government. Andrea reported that **Susan Kushmeider Burton** and hubby Jim had a second daughter, Sarah, in January.

Dave Hardin and wife Elizabeth visited Germany, France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria and Poland in July '98 to conduct some geographic research. In May '99 they headed to Germany, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Austria and Slovenia for more research. While Dave is teaching geography at Longwood, he hopes to teach in his historical geography specialty very soon. Dave also e-mailed a Halloween picture of himself as Ken Starr and Elizabeth as Linda Tripp — the resemblances were striking! Dave wanted to know what happened to the Hamlet House crowd, so all you Hamlet House men, please send an update!

I remain busy as president-elect of the Jefferson County Medical Society Alliance and am trying to stay on top of things at home. My oldest son, Tommy, took fourth place in the state for his age group in chess and attended the National Chess Tournament in Arizona in May. We had a whirlwind Kentucky Derby this year where we rubbed elbows with Fran Drescher, Ed Asner, Robert Loggia, Tipper Gore, Muhammad Ali, Gary Shandling, Loni Anderson, Bo Derek, Dixie Carter and Roma Downey.

Please write or e-mail me with any updates — your classmates want to hear from you!

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From Sigrid:

I received a very welcome e-mail from **Joanne Bartholomew Lamm** back in February.

She and husband **Chris Lamm** still live in Harrisburg, Pa., and Chris still works for EDS (Electronic Data Systems). Joanne is home with their three children, Becky, Tommy and Stephen. I can sure relate to that! I'm home also with my three, Erika, Tim and Michael. I volunteer my time to teach Spanish in Erika's first grade class once a week. That's fun, and it keeps my Spanish skills somewhat up to par.

Chris and Joanne see a bit of **Susie Ferret** and **Mike Stough** during the summer in the Northern Neck. Both Joanne's parents and Susie's parents have homes there. Joanne also reported that **Richard Ehrle** was married last winter in Fredericksburg.

Joanne's mother and **Julie Clark**'s mother were in the same class at George Washington High School in Alexandria, Va. They celebrated their 50th reunion in 1997.

Kathy Goeller Booth and husband Miles bought a house in Ellicott City, Md., and they were packing their boxes as I wrote this. Kathy saw **Mary Alice McHale** at Donna's baby shower. All is well with her, too.

I recently met a neighbor, Beth Ourand, who lives right around the corner from me. She formerly worked with **Kathy Chapline Trott** and introduced Kathy to her husband. Kathy lives in Frederick, Md., and is the mother of two boys. **Linda Leonard Bentley** and husband **Mark Bentley** '86 moved to Alexandria, Va. Linda recently had an art show somewhere in Northern Virginia. **Donna Servedio-O'Neill** and husband Tim had a baby boy, Matthew, in March. **Jennifer Seamon Wise** and husband Jim have two children. They live overseas.

Maria Francese Eiring '86 has two children, Anna and Alex. She and husband Chris are trying to sell their house and relocate somewhere in Maryland. Maria earned her master's degree, and she is now out of teaching and into guidance.

I would just love to hear from more of you!

1986

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Irene Thomaidis and I traveled to Salem, Va., in February to visit a very pregnant **Stephanie Doswald Sebolt**. Stephanie and her husband, Dan, welcomed their twin boys, Max and Alex, into the world in April. **Kristi Williams McCune** and husband Stokes had their daughter, Eleanor Brennan, in February. **Tracy Greener Hollan** and her husband, Mike, are expecting their second child in August. Tracy and her daughter, Reagan, **Ann Stack Bartenstein** and her children, Leigh and Peter, and **Karen Cox Propheter** and her new baby, Victoria, got together for a visit to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., where they were actually able to see the panda! Ann, who is in her 11th year with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, reported that she has kept in touch with **Carla Brown**, who is teaching school in Greensboro, N.C. Carla is the mother of 5-year-old Hanna.

Speaking of Irene, she and her fiancé, Bill Cimino, were to be wed in Quantico, Va., in July, with a reception to follow at MWC! Rene works for Virginia Power as Corporate Communications Representative. **Wanda Goode Pomatto**, husband Michael and their two daughters have been living the Marine Corps life — traveling from Yuma, Ariz., to Beaufort, S.C, to Quantico, Va., and to Okinawa, Japan, where they currently reside. Wanda received a master's from Webster U. and started a side business called The Pampered Chef, the success of which has turned it into a full-time job.

Kim Mears reported that life in Florida is fantastic! Kim is the mission integration coordinator for Boeing at the Kennedy Space Center. Kim says that the job is very exciting, and she has even had the opportunity to observe the John Glenn and Space Station Shuttle launches. **Michelle Runge** occasionally makes it back to the East Coast, and **Mina Holden Horn** and I had a chance to grab dinner with her in January. Michelle looks terrific, and although she has very few spare minutes between her job for Westrim Crafts and her new company, Runge International, she seems to be enjoying herself. **Mary Ellen Phelan Landis** is trying out life as a stay-at-home mom for daughters Bridget and Eleanor while she studies for the CFP. Mary Ellen and her family have moved for the fifth time — this time to Chicago.

Jocelyn Piccone Algood has earned her second master's degree, in management. **Brenda Thier Evans**, Mina Holden Horn and I got together with **Claire Markle** last winter. Claire, who is in her 10th year with Newbridge Communications in Reston, lives in Northern Virginia. **Kris Kabza** tied the knot in July 1998 and honeymooned on four of the Hawaiian Islands. The traveling hasn't stopped for Kris, as he and his wife, Jen, planned to visit Mexico and Greece during summer 1999. Kris, who works for Assurance Technology Corporation, and Jen built a house in Fredericksburg. **Mary Martha Stewart Raine** and her husband, Michaux, are in their second year of residence in Nottingham, England. They have been taking full advantage of their location, recently venturing to South Africa and other exotic locations. **Julie Evetts Clarke**, who spends her days chasing after her 2½-year-old son, Nicholas, reported that **Karen Anderson** has moved up the west coast from San Francisco to Seattle, where she recently bought a house.

Jane Carroll Wilson is expecting her second child in September 1999, while **Chip Wood** and his wife, Lauren, welcomed their third daughter, Allison Clare, in March. Julie keeps in close contact with **Ginny Farquharson Voyack** and **Jill VanderSchaaf Schwartz**. Ginny is also the parent of three girls: Meghan, Jessica and Rebecca. Jill, mother of Laura and twins Eric and Julia, spends much of her time serving on the board of her childrens' preschool. **JJ Rickerich Schifsky**, her husband, Dan, and baby Adam live in Boston.

Brenie Matute and her two daughters, Brenie and Michelle, live in Tegucigalpa, where Brenie works for FIDE, a foundation which promotes Honduras as an offshore investment site and is helping to develop the tourism and light assembly industries. Brenie survived Hurricane Mitch in 1998 but lost her invitation to **Kristen Pedisich**'s wedding and does not know how to get in touch with her. Brenie's geographic distance has made it hard for her to keep in touch with classmates.

I have started a small database of our classmates' e-mail addresses, so please contact me if you are trying to find someone.

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From Leighann Scott Boland:

Chris Bonner was nominated for an Emmy Award for outstanding special class writing for his work on "Pop-up Video." Chris is now developing other shows, and the person who replaced him was **Kristen Erwin Rutherford** '90. Chris said that he and Kristen have shared many showbiz adventures.

From Sharon:

We're both excited about being your class agents and about hearing from our classmates. We hope we have a greater turnout for the 15th reunion.

Eileen Burke lives in Richmond and works for Community Banker's Bank in the investment department. **Leighann Scott Boland** was unable to make the reunion but is looking forward to hearing the updates on fellow classmates. **Orpheus Pierce** and wife Lisa live in Maryland, and Orpheus is a police officer in Montgomery County. **Catherine Connell McSherry** was not at the reunion, but I understand that she lives in Caracas, Venezuela, with her husband, Rob, and children, Max and George.

Janna Fryant Morrison and husband Brock bought a house in Lebanon, Ohio, last year. Janna has found that she loves landscaping and gardening. **Michele McClain**'s big news is that she was getting married in July to Robert Rudd, a life-long family friend of Janna's. They plan to live in the D.C. area. **Page Swartz Buehren** and her husband are building a house in Rockville, Va., and were expecting another son in early August. Janna still works at GE, but now on a part-time status.

Kim Palmer Luger and husband Charles live in Richmond and are enjoying their new house. Kim still works for a member of the House of Delegates. She currently serves on the Board of Visitors for MWC. **Kathy Buffington Worth** and husband Bud spent the day with Alexis and her husband, Ed. They had a great time in the bookstore! Kathy and Bud have moved to Gaithersburg, Md., and Kathy is looking for a job as a computer trainer. Alexis and Ed bought a house in Mechanicsville, Md., in February.

Deborah Hyland and her beau enjoyed touring the campus and visiting downtown. They had dinner with **Kathy Collins Maguire** and her husband, Tim. Then they made the obligatory trek to Carl's for ice cream. They also visited the law office of Deborah's sister, **Margaret Hyland** '91.

Laura Lange Robertson, her husband, Mike, and son Miles live in Chesterfield County, right outside of Richmond. Baby #2 is on the way! Laura continues in the social work field and works for a private psychiatric hospital.

From Alexis:

Sharon Perry rode to reunion and spent the

day with **Tina Barnes Garrison**. Sharon lives in Richmond and is getting married in Nags Head, N.C., in September. Tina thought it was amusing when one of the Golden Alumni thought she and Sharon were current students. Tina is married and lives in Stafford. She taught for nine years but now stays at home with her baby girl.

Charlotte Lohmann Needham works in New York City for Bond Market Association as a research analyst. She and her husband, Jack, have been married since 1996 and have lived in New York since then. They took a trip to Ireland for a vacation and had a wonderful time. **Diana Sievers Valenzuela** and husband **Richard Valenzuela** have two children, Matthew and Amanda. Diana works for First Union, and they live in Sterling, Va.

Holly Thames Lutz is married and has a daughter. Holly practices law. **Holly Goble Cuje** is married to Cory and is a business analyst with Hunton and Williams in Chesterfield, Va. **Jean Marie Morrissey** is the director of special events for major league soccer and lives in Manhattan. **Holly Tace Cuellar** and husband Al have a daughter, Isabella Grace. Holly is a personal shopper at Nordstrom in the MacArthur Center and lives in Virginia Beach. **Christine Bond**, soon to be Salerno, since she is getting married in October, is the payroll manager at The Morey Organization in Wildwood, N.J. **Lupi Roca** has been married for seven years to Ted Crowley, and they have two children. Lupi earned an M.A. in environmental education. **Ri Yeager** lives in Nashville, Tenn., and works at Envoy Corporation as the director of operations. **Carol McMillan Boczar** married **Darren** in 1990. They have a son, Tyler, and a daughter, Sarah.

Tina Forbes Pullen and husband Phil were married in 1991. They have two children, Phillip and Leslie, and live in Chesapeake. Tina teaches paralegal courses part time. **Katie Nielsen King**, **Susan Moulton Brown**, **Kym Wheeler**, **Andrea Goodwin DeCourcey**, **Susie O'Conner Rhoades** '90, **Kate McLaughlin** '90, Tina Forbes Pullen and I spent a wonderful weekend together in February, a pre-union! They all keep in touch.

Michele Linden Scherdin and Tom were married in 1997 and live in Kenner, La. Michele is an entertainment booking agent and manager. **Kathy Collins Maguire** and husband Tim live in West Milford, N.J., and Kathy works at a library. **Susan Roberts** lives in D.C. and has a new home in Georgetown. She works for a brokerage firm in Virginia on the trading desk. She travels often to California and New York, and she loves every minute of it! Susan ran in the Boston Marathon and is in training for the Dublin, Ireland, Marathon in October.

1990

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1999 has been a busy year for us! Our second child, William Davis, was born in April. In January, **Brad** took a job with a private archaeology firm in Richmond, so we moved to the Midlothian area in June. Hopefully, the rest of the year will be a little less hectic!

The biggest alumni news is that **Chris Bonner** '89 was nominated for an Emmy in writing for his work on VH-1's "Pop Up Video!" Chris continues to work on various projects including writing, producing, consulting and recording.

Beth Moore Reeb welcomed her second daughter, Emily, in January. **Andrea Schwalm Stolz** '89 was expecting her second child. Andrea and I had a great time when we met in Baltimore last fall after horrible first trimesters. Mostly we just slept and ate a lot, but it was fun to catch up. **Greg** and **Tracy Hoyle Yamamoto** live in Columbia, Md., and welcomed daughter Camille in May '98. **Tracey Marsh Hess** '91 had a son, Alex, in July '98. Tracey and husband John live in the Philadelphia area, and she enjoys being a full-time mom. She reported that **Lisa Hohl** '91 lives in Richmond with her husband, Scott, and they travel frequently, including a recent trip to Russia.

Karla Saylor Scarzafava and husband Dave live in Odenton, Md., where she works for a lobby group that represents chemical manufacturers of fertilizer. **Monica Rowan Park**'s husband is in the Navy and is currently stationed in Whidbey Island, Wash. Monica and Bill welcomed their son, Andrew, in September '98. **Suzy Baughman Stevens**, husband Todd and daughter Ryley reside in Stuarts Draft, Va. **Kathe Kier** and husband John live in Wilkes Barre, Pa., where she works at *The Times-Leader* as the paper's head librarian. **Matt Hoy** and **Liz Cross** '92 were married in May '98 in Norfolk and now live in Northern Virginia. **Rebecca Murphy Cox** and husband Michael live in Midlothian, Va., with their children, Matthew and Jordan. Rebecca earned her master's in teaching from VCU, but for now enjoys staying at home with the kids. **Tony Porco** is a professional sign language interpreter and lives in Lanham, Md.

1991

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Hello once again! I don't have much new information about our classmates to share in this issue. I need some help from you all out there. Please send me updates!

Danielle Masters, who sent some updates, planned a July wedding to Phil Szenas at the Kenmore Inn in Fredericksburg. **Amy Rose** was planning a fall wedding to Steve LaPierre. **Karen Troiano Connell** and husband Jon have had their first child, Mary. Karen works part time as a product manager for a computer distributor. **Laurie Johnson Chidlow** was married in June 1998 in Cape Cod. **Stephanie Weekes Hensen** and her husband, Kevin, live in Fredericksburg with their daughter, Brooke. Stephanie is a teacher in Stafford. I also received news from **Diana Kelley-Abrials**, who was diagnosed with bone cancer and has undergone a series of operations and chemotherapy. Happily, she beat the cancer and will be returning to her job at the Treasury Department soon.

In closing, I will put what Diana wrote at the bottom of her letter — it is good advice for all of us. "Going through this has taught me to enjoy every day and not to put off doing anything fun!"

I hope all is well with everyone.

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Whitney Donaghy said that work is mainly what's up with her and Brian. She works for an architectural/design firm as a project administrator, and Brian is part of a management team for a new 600-seat blues club. Whitney added that **Tari Stage** finished seminary. Tari and her husband, Kirt, will be going to Germany for two months. When they return, Tari will be ordained, and she and Kirt will be moving to upper Michigan, where she has a congregation. **Jennifer Williams-Valqui** is still busy with her dance studio. **Amy Wray Sabo** and her husband, Ed, just had a baby at the end of January. The little bundle of joy is named Katherine Blue in honor of the blue moon she was born under!

Annlee Dulevitz lives in Houston and works as an assistant district attorney. **Richard Watson** lives in Boston and is in graduate school to become a high school French teacher. **Eric Dawson** works for a contractor to install and train military base personnel on new software. Eric and his wife, Krys, are doing well! **Rebecca Dotson** has purchased her first new home in Alexandria, Va. She is working in public relations for a Washington, D.C., trade association. **Sherri O'Bryan Hawkins** and husband Pat moved to Rochester, Minn., in 1994. She is a laboratory consultant for the Mayo Clinic and coaches a local high school dance team for fun. Sherri and Pat are expecting their first child in November, and they share a lovely home with a dog named Roman.

Adam Owings graduated in May with a master's in management for organizational effectiveness from Marymount U. He and **Holley Bohrer** will be married in Alexandria, Va., in October. In addition, he said that he started a new job with George Washington U. as assistant director of development for the School of Business and Public Management. **Lori Parrish** graduated from Marymount U. with a master's in counseling in 1997. She married **David Clayton** in May 1998. Lori works in Waldorf, Md., for a community mental health agency providing therapy to children, adolescents and their families.

Laura Cavallini Young and husband Ryan live in Sterling, Va. Laura is the operations manager for a computer training company in Leesburg, Va., and Ryan teaches sixth grade. Laura reported that **Matt Bolen** lives in Purcellville, Va., and is teaching sixth grade with Ryan. **Tony Trepal**, a CPA, lives in Ashburn, Va., and is engaged to marry **Shelly Fowler** in November. **Meghan Maloney Cantrall** and her husband, Wes, had their first baby boy last July. **Mark Bouck** and Jen live in St. Louis, Mo., and had their first baby last October. **Patrick Matthews** lives in Richmond, Va., and is taking classes at VCU. **Lloyd Tracy** is in his third year at medical school and lives in Purcellville with **Matt Bolen**.

Jeff Noonan is taking it easy for a while — he's moving to Avon, Colo., to be a ski bum. **Rachel Abrajano** married Rob Beattie last May in Virginia Beach. She was transferred with her company, Net2000, to that area, and with the purchase of a house, they are getting settled in. Rachel is ready to go back to school and is thinking about participating in William & Mary's M.B.A. program. Rachel has also been trying to keep up with her French by traveling to France. **Tracy Young Rowland** and her husband, Charlie, just purchased their first home in Beavercreek, Ohio. **Michael Newman** graduated from George Mason School of Law in 1996 and married Amy Gerrels in June 1998. Michael is an assistant commonwealth's attorney for Danville, Va., and Amy is a labor and delivery nurse. They recently purchased a home and a beagle. **Mark Newman** graduated from Old Dominion U. in 1995 with a

master's in public administration. He now manages a mortgage finance company and will soon be relocating to the Roanoke, Va., area. Mark still finds plenty to time to hit the golf course and had plans to travel to New Orleans in June.

Cliff Jordan is now single and is a physical scientist with the U.S. Army Topographic Engineering Center in Ft. Belvoir, Va. He is finishing his master's in geographic and cartographic sciences at George Mason U. **Dodd Terry** is a high-school guidance counselor and is coaching varsity boy's soccer and freshman girl's basketball. Dodd added that **Ross Ramsey** was just promoted to director of major gifts at William & Mary College, and that **Mike Weil** is working for a consulting firm in Annapolis, Md.

Cathy D'Araujo Taylor is still in Alaska with her new baby girl and her husband, Zach, who just left for a 20-day tour of Thailand. Cathy said that **Linda Trotter** married Kermit Hakkarinen last September, and they live in Maryland. **Becky Nichols** and **Ken Marshall** married in October 1996, and they live in Kansas City, Mo. Ken earned his master's degree in geography from Kansas State U. in 1996 and works for a satellite imagery software company. Becky works as an assistant librarian for a large law firm in Kansas City. They have two cats. **Stacey Bailey Kearney** had a baby in December and works part time with a government contractor in Shirlington. She recently saw **Jennifer Malos**, who works for the U.S. Patent Office. **Michelle Martin Durand** has a 1-year-old daughter. **Laura Anderson** is married and lives in North Carolina.

Jan Randow Cornwell lives in Sterling, Va., and married Jeff Cornwell in 1995. Jan is a dental assistant, and Jeff is a computer programmer. Jan heard that **Ayvonne Reese** is teaching in Norfolk, and that **Cindy Dunnavant** is very active with the Richmond Jaycee's. **Jean Sudlow Simpson** and her husband, Bob, went to Utah last winter to ski and stayed with **Christine Bucher** and family. After the trip to Utah, Jean and Bob took a business trip to Italy and saw the Pope! **Lori Fitzgerald Loudon** and husband Chris were married last August and live in Falls Church. **Dodie Denison Whitt** '95 and husband Rob were awaiting the birth of their first child. They live just outside Richmond. Rob is a CPA and works at Markel Corporation, and Dodie is a fourth-grade teacher with Henrico County public schools. **Brian Sullivan** is manager of worldwide youth leadership initiatives at Special Olympics International.

John Doyle graduated from the U. of Florida with a master's in Spanish linguistics. He was looking for a teaching job. Last summer John worked with one of his professors as a research assistant, and he hoped that this would be his chance to be published. **Karen Staples** has been busily planning her wedding. **Jen Studt** has moved to Arlington, Va., and is going on her sixth year with the Close Up Foundation. Jen was also trying to plan a cross-country vacation for September. **Aimee Cooper** is still in Baltimore, Md., pursuing her master's degree in publications design at the U. of Baltimore. She reported that **Cheryl Roberts** will be attending the U. of Richmond School of Law this fall.

Stacey Freed still works in brand marketing for America Online and bought a house in Reston, Va., last August. She took a two-week vacation to Germany in April. **Kirsten Bensten Thompson** had her first child, a girl, in May. **James Smith** received a promotion to corporate sales manager with the Washington Monarch Hotel and has moved into a house in Falls Church, Va. He has been in touch with **Vanessa Chandler Smith** and her husband, Sandy, who now have a beautiful baby boy. **Christy Thomas** earned her degree from the U. of Maryland and works for Bell Atlantic. Christy recently returned from a trip to the Caribbean and is as tan as ever! **Elizabeth Bowen Jones** and her husband were awaiting the birth of their second child. Elizabeth works for the Westmoreland Department of Social Services, and husband Mike owns and operates a NAPA store in West Point, Va. **Bill Major** and **Jenny Lentz Major** had their second child, a boy. Their daughter Caroline is doing well, but Bill reports that her 3's are much worse than her terrible 2's!

Jennifer Almy completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier *USS Enterprise* Battle Group. They visited Crete, France, Italy, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates. **Tim Landis** is press secretary for Congresswoman Deborah Pryce (R-Ohio). He has already been involved in some leadership meetings with the Speaker of the House.

Elizabeth Bowen Jones had a baby boy, Jared, in April. **Sarah Hartman** is still at Chapel Hill working on her master's degree in land-use planning. This past summer she wrote a conservation plan for southeastern North Carolina. Sarah added that **Romayne Ketcha** has returned from a six-month jaunt to Antarctica and was spending the summer in Yosemite National Park as a member of a fire crew. **Kim Ernstrom** has completed her master's in geography at Montana State U. and was continuing to work on research projects. **George Chase** lives and works in Washington, D.C. He is an editor for a journal and is delving into photography. **Laura King Lynch** is an elementary school teacher and lives in Roanoke, Va.

Shannon Richard was promoted to applications engineer at Allied Signal, where she has worked for the past six years. She is also seeking her M.B.A. at Virginia Commonwealth U. **Abe Evans** and Cameron had their second child in April. **John Anstey** married **Kara Matala** '94 last year at his parents' farm outside of Lynchburg, Va. Kara finished medical school last year and is working as a family practice intern at Delaware County Memorial Hospital outside of Philadelphia, Pa. John earned his master's degree in English and for the last three years, he has worked in corporate public relations at Reliance Group Holdings in Philadelphia. **Rob Puterio** is still teaching and coaching wrestling and softball at Potomac Falls High School in Loudon County, Va.

I tried not to lose my sanity while putting the finishing touches on my June wedding to Pratt Valentine. We honeymooned in Nantucket, Mass., we sold a house in Richmond and are looking for a house in Charlottesville. I still work for the Association for Investment Management and Research as a media coordinator.

Jody Smith lives in Kings Park, N.Y., works as a seventh-grade history teacher in Beth Page County, and is finishing her master's degree. **Teresa Duncan** married Norman Laythe last October and is a marketing consultant in Alexandria, Va. **Nilou Tavassoli** moved to a new house in Centreville, Va., and continues to work for a government contractor in Fairfax, Va. **Tammy White** continues to write for the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics in Reston, Va., and is freelancing for other organizations.

It's official! **John T. Williams Jr.**, has taken himself off of the market — he proposed to Jennifer K. Neeld. A June 2000 wedding is planned. He lives in Atlanta and studies to be a funeral director.

1994

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The Alumni Office received a press notice saying that **Christopher R. Trimpey** was promoted to lieutenant commander in the Navy while serving at Dam Neck, Virginia Beach, Va. Congratulations, Chris.

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From Todd:

The news is nominal this issue. **Rob Hoover** and **Anne Waldron** '97 are planning a wedding for this fall. **Banny Brooks** and **Renee Adler** '98 will tie the knot in November. I saw **Dorie Fryling Fink** and her husband, Robert, and child when I started classes for the master of divinity program at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis Mo. Wish I could share more, but that's all so far.

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From Jill:

Melissa Smith is teaching sixth grade at Thornburg Middle School in Spotsylvania County and is also the drama club sponsor. **Amy Halter** was teaching fifth grade in Spotsylvania and going to VCU for a master's in administration. Amy has been living with **Melissa Dowell**, who teaches third grade in Prince William County and plays for a U.S.A. Volleyball team. Amy was also planning a wedding for July 1999 to **Eric Watkins**. Eric works at Infinity Computers, a business he opened soon after graduation with **Jeff Tench** and **Jeff Berner**. Jeff Tench is married to **Stacey Siggins** '95.

Michelle Labbe finished her student teaching and was looking for an art teaching position in Loudoun County. Hopefully, by now, she has the job! **Michelle Sullivan** teaches social studies at Choctaw High School in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. She is also the head coach of the girls soccer program at Choctaw. **Kathleen Harter** is living as a Navy wife in Texas for the time being. **Katrina Lesher** is in her second year of med school at MCV. Michelle wrote that **Stacey Smith** is engaged to **Stephen Craig**, and **Chris Bergin** '94 was to marry **Samantha Lima-Campos**.

Jon Scott '94 and **Eliza Huber Scott** were due to welcome their new addition in April. Also

expecting are **Brendan Kelly** '95 and **Corrie Henson Kelly**. Their bundle is due in September. Brendan has been teaching a geography course about third world development as an adjunct professor at MWC. Corrie teaches third grade in Stafford County but will probably stay home with the baby once it arrives. **Ann Humphries** has returned from her volunteer assignment in Mauritania, West Africa, with the Peace Corps.

As always, wedding bells are ringing for some classmates! **Jennifer Hendricks** is getting married in October to John Moore. She works at Capital One in Richmond. Also at Capital One, **Justin Metacarpa** is a manager. **Tasha Stancill** and **Kevin Cooke** were engaged in March and are planning an October 1999 wedding. Tasha works for a health care consulting firm in Bethesda, and Kevin is in the accounting department for a property management firm in Rosslyn. Kevin's roommate, **Mike Mattock**, is in his second year of law school at GMU, and Tasha's roommate, **Judy Chandler**, works in D.C. in the editing department for the *Journal of Neuroscience*. **Fred Nelson** and **Cheryl Cole** '95 were married in September 1998. Fred works for the police department, and Cheryl works in the human resource department for a hospital. They live in Pennsylvania. Attending the wedding were **Erin McGintee**, who is in her third year of med school at Stony Brook in New York, and **Kurt Bratten**, who is in law school in Boston.

Anndelyn Tapscott and **William "Tug" Martin** were married in October 1998. Tug finished his first year of graduate school in Richmond at VCU, where he is working on a master's in urban and regional planning. Andi is still at the state attorney general's office; she is the assistant director of the victim notification program. They recently welcomed a new addition to their growing family — Raleigh, a lab/border collie mix! **Patty Bryan** and **David Janes** '94 were married in New Jersey in April. They live in Tarrytown, N.Y. **Jackie Romano** lives in South Carolina.

More weddings! **Meredith Frye** was married in June to Tony Mullins. They live in Tennessee, and both teach art at local universities. **Donna Silver** will be walking down the aisle in October. She and her longtime beau, Mike, live in Reston. **Kari Neckel Mitchum** was married in September 1998. She is working as the marketing coordinator for the ICBA Community Banking Network. **Brandi Flanagan** works for Scott and Stringfellow in Richmond.

I received a press release from Roger Williams U. announcing the election of **Heather Marsden** as executive editor of the *Roger Williams Law Review*. She was graduated in May 1999 with a Juris Doctor degree. While a day-division student, she served as the secretary of the Women's Law Caucus and a member of Delta Theta Phi. She also received the CALI Excellence for the Future Award in property and appellate advocacy.

Keith Conley works at the United States Catholic Conference in migration and refugee services. He's busy at the moment working with the Kosovar Albanians. Keith visited **Lisa Ackerman** in Guatemala last spring. She was volunteering at an orphanage and hoped to move to another volunteer position in El Salvador by the end of the summer. They both visited **Samantha Morris**, who is volunteering in Belize at an environmental conserve, Jaguar Creek.

Our own resident actress, **Kara Jackson**, has been appearing in a lot of the smaller professional D.C. area theaters. She also won a major part on NBC's "Homicide" as the art-student-with-a-past, Tina Reeves, which aired in fall 1998. You may not have recognized her — she was blonde! Kara was preparing to do summer stock in Massachusetts at Mt. Holyoke. She performed as Eliza Doolittle in Shaw's "Pygmalion." She was also recently accepted to the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York!

April Tofanelli works at WinStar Telecommunications and was promoted to compensation supervisor. Still living in Vienna, April volunteers for D.C. United.

Susie Thorpe has in a new job at SOCMA. She dates **Chris Ensign** '95 and lives in Falls Church. **Rick Schettler** is in Paraguay with the Peace Corps. He made an appearance in June at **Chris Stewart**'s wedding to **Megan Wheeler** '98. Chris works at Radion, an environmental company. **Neil Roed** and **Tom Schroeder** are both in San Diego. Neil works for Kaiser Permanente in membership accounting, and Tom works for a biotech company as a research assistant. **Mark Knaub** and **Chris Williams** also live in San Diego, but Chris was about to move back to Richmond. **Derek Bottcher** was pursuing other job opportunities while traveling across the country. **Kim Gossett** still lives in Richmond and works for an historical museum run through the NPS.

Erica Blair wrote with quite a few updates. Erica is at Hood College in Frederick, Md., working on a master's in education. She was planning to do her student teaching in the fall. **Amy Wood** and **Jess Fulmer** are still in Atlanta. Amy works at Ernst & Young. Jess is working on her teaching certification. **Joanna Osborne** works at a bank in Maine and was hoping to move to Boston. **Dave Carillo** earned a master's degree. **Lauren Creamer** lives on Cape Cod. **Lauren Smith Dellarova**, who is teaching middle-school English in New Jersey, and husband Nic are expecting their first baby in November. **Mindy Voguit** and **Pete Clarke** were to be married in St. Augustine, Fla., in August. Erica, Lauren and **Tricia Kube**, who is teaching near Fredericksburg, are bridesmaids. **Pete Temple** finished his volunteer experience in Honduras with the Peace Corps and would like to travel in Africa. **Susan Currence**, **Brian Mulford**, and **Darrin Bach** all live and work in New York City. **Matthew Ladenheim** has one year left in law school.

Please write!

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LaRose Fore-Long was married in July '98 to John Long Jr. Several of our classmates were in the wedding party as bridesmaids: **LaToya Clarke**, **Trina Smith**, **Zenobia Bragg**, and **Donna Smith**.

Kirsten Angle, **Jenna Cassidy**, and **Leslie Mills** share a place in Alexandria, Va. Kirsten works for the Department of Defense/KPMG as a public services consultant in Crystal City. **Anne Whitehill** is living in Providence, R.I. and is employed by a GIS firm in Massachusetts. **Liz Siciliano** teaches fifth grade in Huntington, N.Y. **Morgan White** works in New York, as well, and is employed by an eyeglass designer.

Kara Bennis and **Kimberly Bohle** both attend the Dickinson School of Law at Penn State U. **Caitlin Childress** works for the Virginia Department of Transportation while applying to graduate schools. **Sue Duris** works for the D.C.-based law firm McKenna Cuneo and has accepted an invitation to attend law school in Baltimore. **Kim Harlowe** is clerking in a Richmond law firm.

Kyle Courtney plans to follow in Kara, Kim, and Sue's footsteps by attending Suffolk U. Law School in Boston. He will join a contingency of other MWC alumni there, including **Sheila Elledge**, **Nicole Levangie**, and **Jenn Holtzinger**. Kyle's old pal, **Lina Marunas**, accepted employment with Chubb Insurance in Harrisburg, Pa., as an appraiser.

Jeremy Gagner is the vice president of site planning for the Weather Vane Restaurant in New England. He and **Cecilia Kane** '97 were engaged during winter 1997.

Jennifer Gentry is finding much pleasure and success in her position with an ad agency in McLean, Va. Jennifer mentioned that **Brandon Pfleckl** has a new job as a research analyst for the Orkland Corporation and works at the United States Geological Survey.

Dana Halsey works in the headquarters office of the air combat command for the Air Force in the environmental analysis department. She meets with exciting challenges and has had the opportunity to travel. **Amy Ryder** works for a biotechnology company, SRA Life Sciences, in the blood processing lab. **Kate McPeek** sent me a postcard from Bolivia, where she is stationed with the Peace Corps. Despite the lack of conveniences, she enjoys teaching environmental education.

Mike "Pasta" Paolino in San Diego said his job at Booz Allen and Hamilton is still going well, and that he and his band, Red Moon Lounge (formerly Chasing Magic), are still pursuing the rock n' roll dream.

Last spring I saw **Erika Giaimo** and **Deacon Chapin**, who planned to move to Newport, N.H.

Anne Daugherty has been awarded a prestigious public interest scholarship from Georgetown University, where she is attending law school.

My good friend, **Erin Rodman**, put in a good year with the Republican National Committee on Capitol Hill, where she wrote the weekly newsletter and assisted former Reagan speechwriter and best-selling author Peggy Noonan. She is now applying to various graduate schools across the country.

I still work for MCIWorldcom and accepted a new position within the company. My greatest joy is practicing with the swim team I've joined in Reston, Va. **Emily Winn** and I still live in Old Town Alexandria but have planned to move to the Falls Church area with **Laura Letchworth** at the end of the summer. I recently spent some vacation time in the Outer Banks of North Carolina with Laura, Emily, **Jenn Holtzinger**, **Angie Saulsbury**, **Alexis Kingham**, and **Chris Shiplett**. Angie and her roommate **Alyson Andrews**, completed their first year of graduate school at U.Va. Jenn also completed her first year of graduate school studying psychology at Tufts U.

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IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathies to the families and friends of the deceased.

Garland Straughan Hudgins '18
Emily Semple Wood '21
Mary Sibley Bott '23
Thelma Sharpe Heffington '28
Mary Elizabeth Chewning '29
Mary Louise Davis '30
Jean Hart Jeter '34
Dorothy Mitchell Black '36
Elizabeth Evans Berry '39
Marie Seay Harry '42
Mary Wallace Farr '43
Florence Whaley Johnson '43
Doris Powers Pratt '44
Helen Edwards Siddall '44
Virginia Gunn Blanton '45
Mary Doswell Simpson '45
Henrietta Holton Dallam '46
Betty Atkins Powers '46
Barbara Rudolph '46
Louise Hair Davies '47
Penny Quillen McGiffin '48
Robert A. Miller '48
Jean Downing Reynolds '48
Betty Parker Allison '49
Mary Jane McIntosh Young '50
Barbara A. Kelley '51
Anne L. Ceglis '52
Frances Westwood Wright Doyle '52
Marilyn Gessford Ockert '52
Barbara Lee Dent Agnor '54
Judy Graham Kanakanui '54
Joaquine Ireland Jackson '56
Billie Lou Fitzgerald '61
Janet B. Newton '61
Rebecca Ward Schmidt '62
Jane Chisolm Cromer '65

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to those who have lost loved ones.

Frances S. Dickinson '34, who lost her husband
Adelle Mansfield Goodwin '36, who lost her sister
Mary Sue DuPriest Spencer '36, who lost her husband
Elnora Overley Johnson '39, who lost her husband
June Stoll Artunkal '41, who lost her husband
Frances Fisher Martin '42, who lost her husband
Rebecca Engleman Russell '44, who lost her husband
Lois Saunier Hornsby '48, who lost her husband
Lucille Clift Kimman '49, who lost her brother
Elmira Doolittle Daniel '50, who lost her mother
Carlene Mitchell Bass '54, who lost her mother
Anne Bradbury Lee '55, who lost her husband
Patricia H. Linton '57, who lost her son
Marianne Carrano Raphaely '59, who lost her mother
Priscilla Brown Wardlaw '59, who lost her husband
Emyl Jenkins Sexton '61, who lost her mother
Joan Akers Rothgeb '62, who lost her sister
Susanne Landerghini Boehm '66, who lost her mother and father
Linda Marett Disosway '69, who lost her mother
Karen Kilgore Ralston '69, who lost her mother
Nan Hopkinson Desorrento '70, who lost her mother
Judy Winston '70, who lost her father
Laura Conville Gosline '82, who lost her father
Lynn Conville Abraham '83, who lost her father
Teresa Sckinto Hogan '83, who lost her mother
Matthew Williams '87, who lost his wife

Correction

Because of erroneous information provided to the Alumni Office, Dennis W. Hooten '83 was incorrectly listed in the summer issue's In Memoriam section.

Meredith Carol Loughran '94

hero is someone who overcomes insurmountable obstacles to obtain a dream. Many people compromise their way through life, never coming close and even forgetting what it was they once dreamed to be. Not Meredith Carol Loughran. Tenacity, a strong will, a brave heart, and a determination never to be beaten; this was the Meredith we knew and loved.

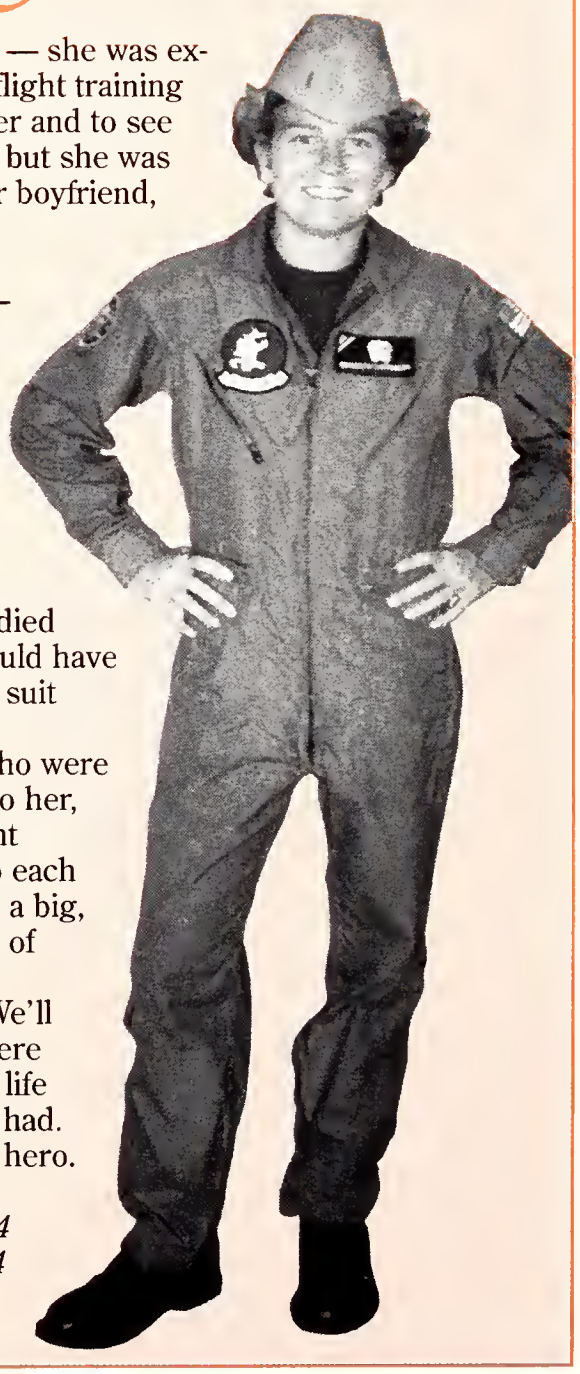
She was dedicated and excelled in all her studies throughout high school, college and Navy flight school. She was focused, competitive and courageous — always the one who wanted to ride in the front car of a roller coaster! Mere also was determined — always pushing herself to do better. These qualities enabled her to reach her goal of becoming a Naval aviator. As she went through Officer Candidate School, she would tell us stories of her training, and we were always amazed by her resilience and strength.

A hero is someone whose life makes a difference; whose accomplishments go above and beyond what is expected of them; who challenges the impossible and wins.

She was a woman playing a typically all-male game, but she never wanted to be treated differently — or to be recognized or singled-out as a female Naval officer or aviator. Instead she wanted to be one of the "guys" — and her male colleagues quickly adopted her as "one of the boys." She excelled in flight school and earned her Naval Flight Officer (NFO) wings in summer 1997.

A hero is someone who realizes the risk and meets it head on. Navigating a plane always presented risks to Meredith. This was something she faced sometimes on a daily basis, yet she never hesitated and always rose to the occasion.

A couple days before she was to leave Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, Washington, to begin her first six-month deployment on the aircraft carrier *USS Enterprise*, her feelings were mixed — she was excited to further her flight training on the EA-6B Prowler and to see exciting new places, but she was sad to be leaving her boyfriend, Paul.



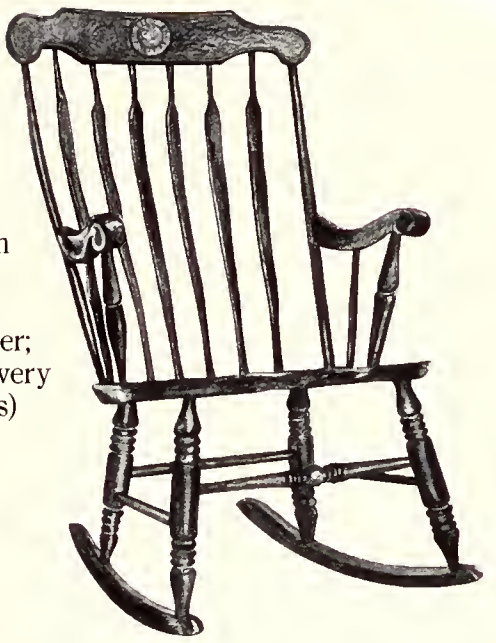
Mere died on November 8, 1998 — along with three fellow crew members — while they were practicing night landings on the carrier. She died doing what she loved — flying. And knowing Mere, she died the only way she would have wanted, in her flight suit serving her country.

For those of us who were blessed to be close to her, we know she brought something special to each of our lives. She had a big, warm heart, a sense of family, and enough strength for us all. We'll always look up to Mere because she tackled life with everything she had. She'll always be our hero.

Deborah J. Brown '94
Rebecca A. Miller '94

Spinning Wheel Boutique

The Spinning Wheel Boutique can help you find that special gift. The Boutique offers a variety of merchandise, featuring the pewter Jefferson Cup, Boston Rocker and Captain's Chair. Gifts are available for purchase at the alumni house or they can be shipped (with additional shipping charge). Add 4.5% sales tax to the price of all items purchased in the Boutique or shipped to a Virginia address. Make checks payable to Mary Washington College Alumni Association, and mail requests to P.O. Box 1315, College Station, Fredericksburg, VA 22402. You can also call the Alumni Office at (540) 654-1011 with your order or fax it to (540) 654-1075 and charge it with your VISA or MasterCard.



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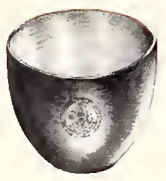

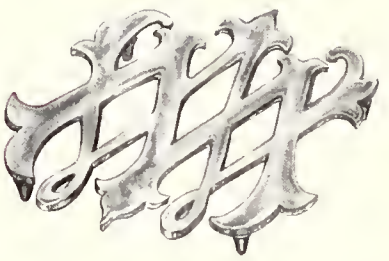

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College Bookstore

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Our ever-popular bar design applied to a reverse weave premium-weight sweatshirt. Ash with red, white and blue.
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Our most popular sweatshirt is a reverse weave premium weight, 90% cotton/10% polyester. Ash with College seal in navy.
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Traditional imprint on 50% cotton/50% polyester crewneck sweatshirt. Navy or white
S,M,L,XL $21.95
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Also 100% cotton T-shirt (*not pictured*)
S,M,L,XL $13.95
XXL $14.95
Youth Sweat, navy or white (*not pictured*)
XS,S,M,L $13.95

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MWC bar design on white or navy canvas baseball cap. Adjustable $12.95

Insignia Gifts
Solid brass lamp by Heritage Brass, 26" high and hand-finished with the College seal set in the base $329.00*

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Classic alumni design sweatshirt in navy with gray and white imprint. Also available in white with navy and gray imprint in 50% polyester/50% cotton blend by Jansport.
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Also 100% cotton T-shirt (*not pictured*)
S,M,L,XL $13.95
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NEW! Alumni sweatshirt with a newly designed shadow seal with navy blue lettering outlined in gray, imprinted on an ash shirt. 50% polyester/50% cotton blend by Jansport. M,L,XL $24.95

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MWC alumni cap of natural canvas with navy visor or navy serge with red visor. Both styles embroidered with MWC logo outlined in white with 'Alumni' in red on white bar. Adjustable $11.95

Classic alumni design also on 100% cotton T-shirt in navy with gray and white imprint. Also available in white with navy and gray imprint. (*not pictured*)
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The Ann Carter Lee Hall Ornament
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"Thanks for the hospitality!" wrote one parent. "Our first family visit went very well!" wrote another. "Thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and welcomed the opportunity to meet our son's/daughter's friends," seemed to sum up the feelings of most of the 1,000 family members who were on campus for Family Weekend '99, Sept. 24-25, 1999.

As the photos show, faculty members were on hand to greet the families; MWC clubs set up information tables in the Great Hall for Club Showcase; and the picnic lunch looks like it, and the glorious weather, both rated a "10."

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